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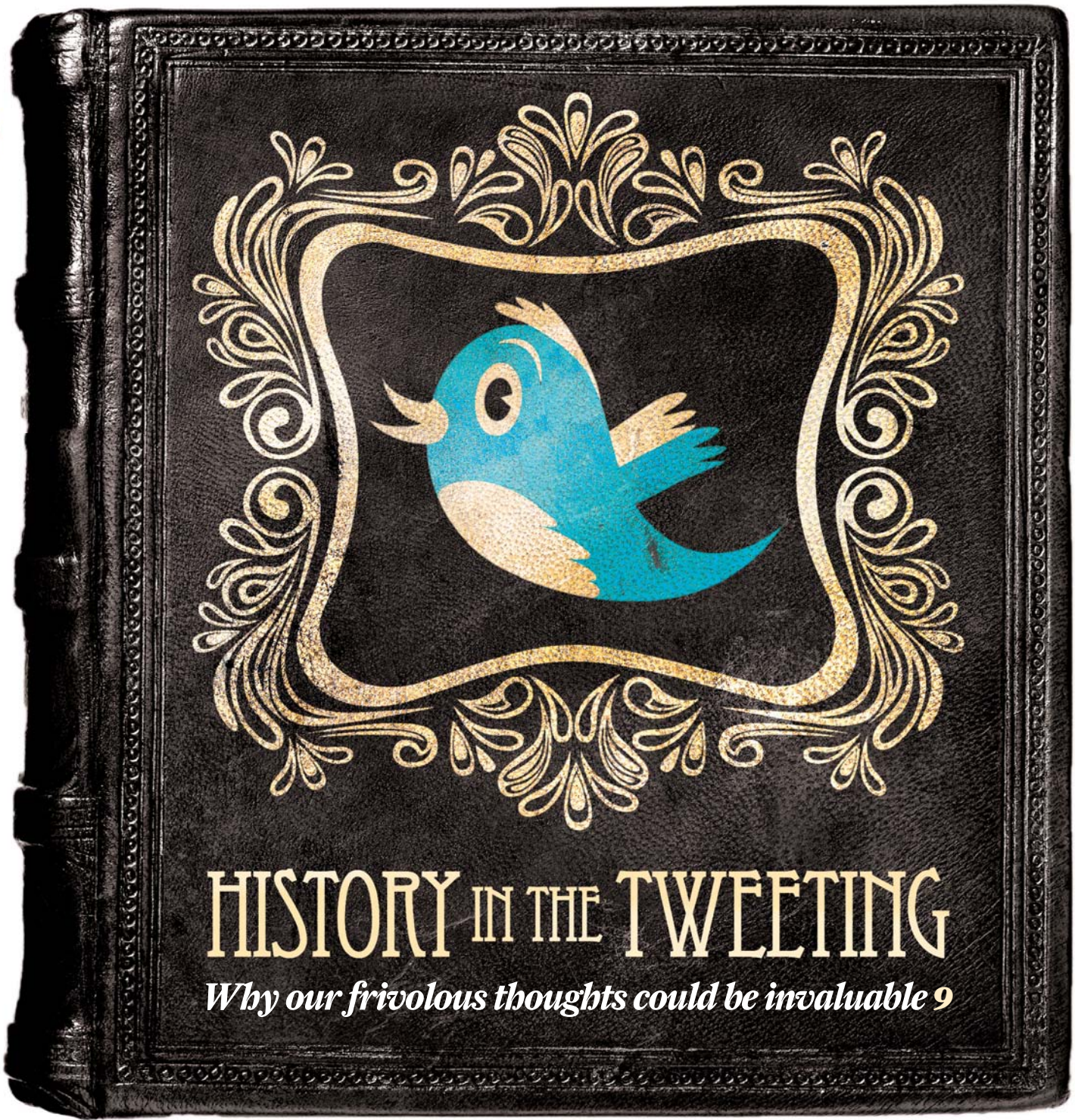
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Two Los Angeles hospital workers were placed on paid leave after complaints that they set up a makeshift beauty salon offering manicures and eyebrow waxes in the neonatal intensive-care unit at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. One complaint said a doctor "had a French manicure right on the high-frequency ventilator." No babies were harmed, officials said. (AP)

But Can She Parallel-Park?

A South Korean woman who earned a driver's license after 960 tries is ready to buy a car and get behind the wheel. Cha Sa-soon, 69, passed the driving part of the test last month on her 10th try. South Korea requires a written test first, and Cha took it nearly daily since April 2005 before passing last year. She says she wants to buy a small secondhand car to visit her son and daughter, and for her business selling vegetables. (AP)

Yankee Candle Can't Believe It Didn't Do This



Fans of White Castle sliders have a new calorie-free way to indulge: a burger-scented candle. The Columbus, Ohio-based fast-food chain this week introduced candles that smell like its Slider burgers; proceeds from the sale of the \$10 candles will benefit Autism Speaks. The candles resemble a packaged White Castle burger and are being sold at the company's restaurants and on its Web site. (AP)

The Big Picture



A GIANT HAMBURGER weighed in at 590 pounds in Toronto on Thursday. The monstrous food item's creators hope the sandwich will be deemed by Guinness World Records as the world's largest. The burger is more than three times the weight of the current record holder. (AP)



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In Brief



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A protestor waves the Mexican and U.S. flags at a rally against a law in Arizona.

WASHINGTON

Hispanic Group La Raza Announces Ariz. Boycott

The nation's largest Hispanic civil rights group said it has organized a boycott of Arizona in the wake of the state's new law targeting illegal immigrants. The National Council of La Raza, along with 19 other labor and civil rights groups, will pull money and meetings out of the state and are asking all companies and organizations to move events planned there to other venues. (TWP)

BOSTON

Marriage Law Challenged

Seven gay couples and three widowers who married in Massachusetts went to court Thursday to challenge the constitutionality of a federal law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The couples argue that the Defense of Marriage Act is discriminatory because it denies same-sex couples access to federal benefits. (AP)

DETROIT

Militia Members Held

A federal appeals court on Thursday intervened to block the release of nine members of a Michigan militia accused of plotting to overthrow the government, dealing a setback to the defendants. The government says the group, called Hutaree, would present a danger to the public if set free. (AP)

A Heart-Stopping Day for Stocks

Dow rebounds after falling nearly 1,000 points in 30 minutes

New York

The stock market had one of its most turbulent days in history as the Dow Jones industrials fell to a loss of almost 1,000 points in less than half an hour on fears that Greece's debt problems could halt the global economic recovery.

The market's plunge came less than 90 minutes before the end of trading. The Dow's drop was its largest loss ever during the course of a trading day, but it recovered

to a loss of 347 at the close. All the major indexes lost more than 3 percent.

There were reports that the sudden drop was caused by a trader who mistyped an order to sell a large block of stock. The drop in that stock's price was enough to trigger "sell" orders across the market.

Still, the Dow was already down more than 200 points as traders watched protests in the streets of Athens on TV. Protestors raged against austerity measures passed by the Greek parliament. But traders were not comforted by the fact that Greece seemed to be working towards a resolution of its debt



KICHIRO SATO/AP

Steven Rickard reacts to the close of stock trading on Thursday in Chicago.

problems. Instead, they focused on the possibility that other European countries would also run into

trouble, and that the damage to their economies could spread to the U.S.

The Dow fell 998.50 points in its largest point drop ever, eclipsing the 780.87 it lost during the course of trading on Oct. 15, 2008, during the height of the financial crisis. The Dow closed that day down 733.08, the biggest closing loss it has ever suffered.

The Dow has lost 631 points, or 5.7 percent, in three days amid worries about Greece. That is its largest three-day percentage drop since March 2009, when the stock market was nearing its bottom after the financial crisis.

TIM PARADIS (AP)

The View From the Gulf



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

A BOAT KICKS UP a trail of oil Thursday in the Gulf of Mexico. Crews prepared Thursday to lower a 100-ton box they hoped would cut off most of the crude spewing from a blown-out well in the Gulf as oil started washing up on barrier islands. If the box they plan to plunge a mile into the ocean works, it could collect as much as 85 percent of the oil that is leaking.

AG Defends Mirandizing Of Shahzad

Washington

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. told a Senate panel Thursday that Faisal Shahzad, the sus-



Holder

pect in Saturday's attempted car bombing in Times Square, is continuing to cooperate with federal agents as they try to unravel a plot with potential foreign origins.

Appearing before a Senate subcommittee, Holder strongly defended a decision to read Shahzad his Miranda rights within hours of his arrest late Monday, saying interrogators had already obtained useful information from him and that he continued to talk afterward.

"As we've seen in prior investigations, the giving of Miranda warnings has not deterred people from talking to us," Holder testified. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay



"I will not allow amendments like this one written by Wall Street's lobbyists to pass for [financial] reform."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, REACTING IN A STATEMENT THURSDAY AFTER THE SENATE NIXED A GOP PROPOSAL TO REIN IN A PROPOSED AGENCY AIMED AT PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM ABUSIVE PRACTICES.

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An expert panel that advises the president on cancer said Thursday that Americans are facing "grievous harm" from chemicals in the air, food and water that have largely been unregulated and ignored.



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A Neanderthal in Us All

Scientists confirm genes from ancestor live on in humans

Washington

We have met Neanderthal, and he is us — at least a little.

The most detailed look yet at the Neanderthal genome helps answer one of the most debated questions in anthropology: Did Neanderthals and modern humans mate?

The answer is yes — there is at least some caveman biology in most of us. Between 1 percent and 4 percent of genes in people from Europe and Asia trace back to Neanderthals.

"They live on, a little bit," says Svante Paabo of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

Researchers led by Paabo; Richard E. Green of the University of California, Santa Cruz; and David Reich of Harvard Medical School compared the genetic material collected from the bones of three Neanderthals with that from five



BILL O'LEARY/TWP

A statue of a human ancestor is seen at the Smithsonian's Hall of Human Origins.

modern humans.

Their findings, reported in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*, show a relationship between Neanderthals and modern people outside Africa, Paabo said.

That suggests that interbreeding occurred in the Middle East, where both modern humans and Neanderthals lived thousands of years ago, he said.

"People are interested in the question: 'By what route did I get here?' And the idea that there is

a faint echo of Neanderthals" is interesting, reflected Richard Potts, director of the Human Origins Program at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Erik Trinkaus, an anthropologist at Washington University in St. Louis who has long argued that Neanderthals contributed to the human genome, welcomed the study, saying researchers now "can get on to other things than who was having sex with who in the Pleistocene." **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)**

Graham Prays Outside the Pentagon Despite Snub

Washington

U.S. evangelist Franklin Graham prayed on a sidewalk outside the Pentagon Thursday after his invitation to a prayer service inside was withdrawn because of comments that insulted Muslims.

"It looks like Islam has gotten a pass," he told reporters. "They are able to have their services, but just because I disagree ... I'm excluded."

Graham, the son of famed evan-



CLIFF OWEN/AP

The Rev. Franklin Graham talks to the press after praying near the Pentagon.

gelist Billy Graham, has described Islam as evil and said he finds the religion offensive. The Pentagon's chaplain office called those comments inappropriate and withdrew Graham's invitation to attend a multi-denominational National Day of Prayer service.

He came anyway, arriving in the Pentagon parking lot with his party of a half-dozen people. Graham said he came to pray for the men and women serving at the warfront. **PAULINE JELINEK (AP)**



REBATES

Homeowners could collect thousands of dollars in

Cash for Caulkers rebates for renovating their homes with better insulation and energy-saving windows and doors under a new economic stimulus bill the House of Representatives passed on Thursday. Supporters estimate that 3 million households would make use of the new program, saving \$9.2 billion in energy costs over a 10-year period. The legislation has yet to be approved by the Senate. **(AP)**

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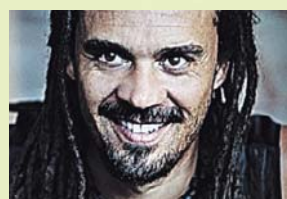
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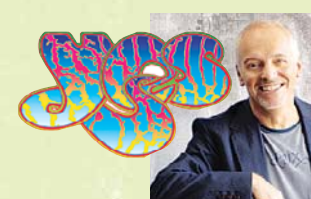


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No Clear Winner in British Vote

Early projections show Conservatives just short of majority

London

Britain appeared headed toward a hung Parliament Thursday night as the first projections from television exit polls showed the Conservative Party likely to win the most seats in the election but falling just short of an outright parliamentary majority.

If those projections hold up, the election still could bring an end to 13 years of Labor Party rule, after the longest stretch in power in the party's history. In this campaign, Labor was slowed by the unpopularity of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, economic insecurity, voters' disgust with politicians and a desire for change.

But because of the quirks of Britain's electoral system, it was difficult at the time the polls closed for exit polls to project the final balance of power in the House of Commons among the Conservatives, Labor and the Liberal Dem-



The results of an exit poll conducted by the BBC is projected onto Big Ben in London on Thursday after the election ended.

ocrats. That left open the possibility of a hung Parliament.

The television exit poll, which was released minutes after the polls closed at 10 p.m. British time, included one anomaly: a projection that the Liberal Democrats might actually end up with fewer seats in the new Parliament than they now have, a surprising development

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given the surge in support they saw earlier in the campaign.

The Conservatives appeared to have the best chance of putting a

new government together after a campaign led by David Cameron.

The election produced the closest three-way competition in a generation, as Labor, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats, under leader Nicholas Clegg, waged two and three-way battles in districts across the country. **ANTHONY FAIOLA AND DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

In Brief



Indians celebrate after Mohammed Ajmal Kasab was sentenced to death.

MUMBAI

Gunman in 2008 Attacks Sentenced Is to Death

An Indian court sentenced the only surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai attacks to death Thursday. Judge M.L. Tahaliyani gave Mohammed Ajmal Kasab multiple death sentences for murder, waging war against India, conspiracy and terrorism. "He shall be hanged by his neck until he is dead," Tahaliyani said. (AP)

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Former Bank CEO Held

Icelandic authorities arrested the former chief executive of collapsed bank Kaupthing on Thursday — the first high-profile banker to be detained in the wake of the country's financial crisis. Hreidar Mar Sigurdsson is suspected of falsifying documents and breaking laws on stock trading for personal gain. (AP)

BANGKOK

PM Offers to Dissolve Parliament in Sept.

Thailand's prime minister said Thursday he would dissolve Parliament in September, paving the way for new elections demanded by anti-government protesters. But the protesters said they would not leave until the government made its vow official. (AP)

GENEVA

Swiss Mull Army's Role

Switzerland's army should stop preparing for a foreign attack and concentrate on security operations inside the country, according to a leaked government discussion paper published online Thursday. The proposal also includes cutting funds for new weapons systems and reducing the size of the army. (AP)

Greek Austerity Acts Spur Violent Clashes

Athens

Greek lawmakers approved drastic austerity cuts Thursday needed to secure international rescue loans worth \$140 billion, and police fired tear gas to repel stone-throwing protesters after the vote.

In New York, Dow Jones industrials plunged almost 1,000 points in half an hour amid concerns that Greece's debt problems could halt the world financial recovery.

The new clashes came a day after violent protests left three people dead after a bank was fire-bombed in Athens.

Greek lawmakers voted 172-121 to approve the austerity measures — worth about \$38.18 billion



A protester clashes with riot police outside the parliament in Athens on Thursday.

through 2012 — that will slash pensions and civil servants' pay, and further hike consumer taxes.

The loans are aimed at con-

taining the debt crisis and keeping Greece's troubles from spreading to other countries with vulnerable state finances such as Portugal

"The dose of medicine you are administering is in danger of killing the patient."

— **ANTONIS SAMARAS**, CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER, LAMBASTING THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE AUSTERITY ACTS.

and Spain. The money will come from the International Monetary Fund and the 15 other governments whose countries use the euro.

Fears of Greek default have undermined the euro, and while the current package should keep Greece from immediate bankruptcy, its long-term prospects are unclear. (AP)

Nigeria Swears in Leader

Jonathan assumes presidency after the death of Yar'Adua

Lagos, Nigeria

Nigeria's acting leader Goodluck Jonathan was sworn in Thursday as president of Africa's most populous country, as the body of his predecessor was flown north for a traditional Muslim burial hours after he died following a lengthy illness.

Jonathan put on a sash bearing the green, yellow and white colors of Nigeria, signifying he had formally taken over for President Umaru Yar'Adua though Jonathan had served as acting president for months.

Late Thursday morning, soldiers escorted a stretcher bearing the body of Yar'Adua, wrapped in a Nigerian flag, onto a military cargo plane bound for his native Katsina state. Yar'Adua, who long had suffered from kidney ailments and was recently hospitalized in Saudi Arabia because of heart inflammation, died Wednesday night after apparently succumbing to his ill health.

Jonathan now will serve as president through next year's vote, likely to be held by April 2011. He also will be able to select a vice president to serve under him, subject to Senate approval.

In a brief address, Jonathan promised that his administration would focus on good governance



The body of Nigerian President Umaru Yar'Adua is transported Thursday for his burial.



Battle Brewing

The death of President Umaru Yar'Adua and the swearing in of acting leader Goodluck Jonathan as president will probably not bring an end to Nigeria's power struggle. Even before Yar'Adua's passing, some of Nigeria's best-known politicians were lining up for the presidential race. The next few months could be quite contentious, with major consequences not only for Nigeria, but also for many other countries, including the U.S., that rely on Nigeria as a major supplier of oil. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

during its short tenure, focusing especially on electoral reform and the fight against corruption.

"One of the true tests will be that all votes count and are counted in our upcoming presidential election," Jonathan said.

An unwritten power-sharing agreement within Nigeria's ruling party calls for the presidency to alternate between Nigeria's Christians and Muslims. Yar'Adua, a Muslim, was still in his first four-year term though — meaning there could be a political fight brewing in the ruling People's Democratic Party over allowing Jonathan to contest the presidency.

"Jonathan must be interested in contesting for the presidency, but he still has not revealed his hand," said Mark Schroeder, the director of sub-Saharan Africa analysis for STRATFOR, a private security think tank. (AP)

Russian Warship Rescues 23 From Somali Pirates

Aboard the Carlskrona

A Russian warship hunted down an oil tanker hijacked by Somali pirates and fired warning shots from its large-caliber machine gun Thursday.

Special forces rappelled onto the ship, and a gunbattle killed one pirate, officials said aboard the warship Carlskrona, which was 500

miles west of the rescue and sailing toward Somali water.

The Indian Ocean rescue of 23 Russian crew members came only 24 hours after the pirates attacked the Liberian-flagged ship Moscow University. Ten pirates were arrested. Details of the death were not released. The special forces had been aboard the Russian anti-submarine destroyer Marshal Shaposh-

nikov, which rushed to the scene after Wednesday's seajacking of the Moscow University, which is carrying crude oil worth about \$50 million.

Oil tankers don't even allow crew members to smoke on board because of the risk of igniting the cargo. But the Russian navy made the decision to move in with weapons ready. KATHARINE HOURELD (AP)

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‘Social Safeway’ Reopens in D.C.

Grocery store throws VIP event for debut after being remodeled

Washington

Washington, meet the Socialtini. The new signature martini debuted before Georgetown glitterati Wednesday night at an exclusive VIP gala awash in stiletto heels and Dom Perignon. A Belvedere vodka fountain and brie were flown in from Paris. A white-jacketed sommelier dashed among 10 wine bars pouring Louis Roederer Cristal and Robert Mondavi Reserve to show off the host’s 2,500-bottle, climate-controlled cellar. The Social Safeway is back! After a year of remodeling, the com-



Hundreds attended the VIP opening of the newly renovated Safeway in Georgetown.

pany saw fit to throw a red-carpet celebration worthy of a state dinner, with a publicity budget that apparently rivals that of “Avatar.” Glossy silver tri-fold invitations went out to

2,000 important people. After all, this is the District’s first 24-hour, full-service grocery. “We’d like to think we can have this become a bit of a tourist des-

tination,” says Craig M. Muckle, a Safeway public affairs manager, with a straight face. A must-stop for visitors from, say, Fort Wayne, Ind.? “They’ve got to come see it,” he beams.

This new Social Safeway — at 71,067 square feet, the biggest and highest-grossing mid-Atlantic store in the chain — has sunshade screens to allow cool breezes to flow through the aisles. The outside lights are so muted, the good citizens of Georgetown won’t know it’s there.

No recession guilt is needed here. The Social Safeway may sell \$498 bottles of Chateau LaFite Rothschild, but this is not Citronelle. It’s just the neighborhood supermarket.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Near Crash On Red Line, Metro Says

Silver Spring, Md.

The operator of a six-car Metro train hit an emergency brake on Wednesday afternoon while approaching the Forest Glen Station after spotting another train stopped at the platform, according to Metro interim General Manager Richard Sarles.

“I am sure he saw the train in front of him,” Sarles said. When asked whether there would have been a collision had the operator not hit the emergency brake, Sarles said, “Not to my knowledge.” That is under investigation, he said during an editorial board meeting at The Washington Post.

No one was injured in the incident on the Red Line, which occurred about 1 p.m., Sarles said. The train “came to a stop. That was it,” he said. “We are investigating exactly the circumstances,” Sarles said. ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, May 6

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	8-3-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	5-7-6-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-9-5-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	8-16-21-28-32 (17)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	5-6-17-25-33-39

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-3-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-2-5
Mid-day DC 4	7-9-3-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-0-8-4
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-0-1-9-1
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	3-1-6-5-5
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-8-13-18-22-38 (39)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	4-2-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-0-2
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-8-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-0-0-6
Mid-day Cash 5	8-15-18-20-22
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-9-20-23-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-5-17-31-33-41 (30)

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Historians say the national archive of tweets will help scholars study our era

Technology

When the Library of Congress announced this month that it had recently acquired Twitter's entire archive of public tweets, the snarkosphere quickly broke out the popular refrain, "Nobody cares that you just watched 'Lost.'"

Television tweets are always the shorthand by which naysayers express how idiotic they find Twitter, the microblogging site on which millions of users share their thoughts and activities in 140 characters or fewer.

"If tweets are in, how about Craigslist.org postings?" one poster wrote on the library's blog in response to the announcement. Because "all of that information is just as culturally vacant."

The purview of historians has always been the tangible: letters, journals, official documents.

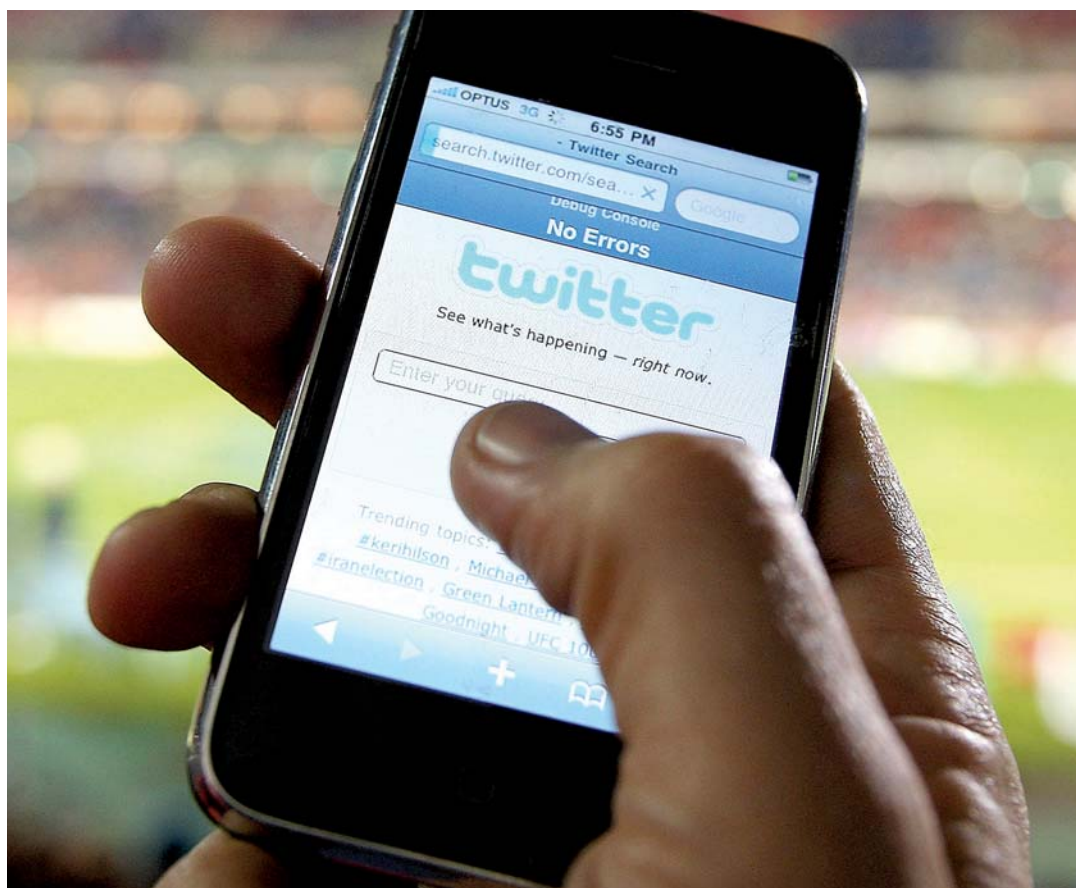
The purview of Twitter, on the other hand, is the ephemeral: random spewings that some argue represent the degeneration of society. Would a Founding Father ever have tweeted his crush on Evangeline Lilly?

But on the other hand, says Michael Beschloss, historian and author of "Presidential Courage," "What historian today wouldn't give his right arm to have the adult Madison's contemporaneous Twitters about the secret debates inside the Constitutional Convention?"

Although the library's acquisition might seem to be a capitulation to frivolity and short attention spans, historians say it's actually about how digital archives are shaping the future of history.

"We are in a period of great transition," Martha Anderson said. "We're trying to figure out the best way to leave evidence for future generations of scholarship."

Anderson works for the library's



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National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. She is the person charged with figuring out what to do with the billions of tweets in Twitter's archives.

The value of seemingly vacuous television tweets to historians lies in the fact that they are

50 million

The average number of tweets posted daily on the microblogging Web site. All of the public tweets will become available to the Library of Congress after a six-month delay from their first posting.

so utterly mundane. Twitter provides a deeply personal insight into the daily lives of average individuals — on a scale that is completely unprecedented.

"This is a fascinating coming together of two strains in the broadening of history," says Dan Cohen, the director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. "On one side, you have the democratization of history and the inclusion of ordinary people. On the other side, you have an online stream that allows for a very large mass of human expression."

Some tweets the library can already pinpoint as potentially historically significant. Consider Barack Obama's first tweet after winning the election: "We just made history. ... All of this happened because of you. Thanks."

But the more interesting possibility is that there are tweets whose value we do not yet see. "Somewhere in [the digital world], we don't know where," Cohen says, "there is a kindergarten photograph or a link to a personal blog of a future president." MONICA HESSE

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

How a Tweet Becomes History

Many people are skeptical of the notion that the Library of Congress will be archiving tweets for posterity. Yet one recent example shows just how valuable the quick Web posts may be to future historians.



1 On Feb. 2, 2009, a Floridian named Mary Rakovich posted her very first tweet: "Making calls to take America back in the RIGHT direction."

2 Rakovich organized on Feb. 10 what the Palm Beach Post cited as the first of the types of protests that later became known as the tea party movement.

3 Tweets from Rakovich and other early members of the grassroots movement could help reconstruct the tea party's earliest days.

"If you believe that God is in the details — and all biographers do — then Twitter will be a godsend!"

— **AUTHOR KITTY KELLEY**, RECALLING HOW HER ASSISTANT SPOTTED A HELPFUL TWEET FROM OPRAH WINFREY WHILE SHE WAS WRITING HER BIOGRAPHY ABOUT THE TALK SHOW HOST. THE TWEET FROM WINFREY — ABOUT ATTENDING A GALA AND HUGGING WHOOP! GOLDBERG — WAS SIGNIFICANT TO KELLEY, WHO KNEW THAT THERE HAD BEEN TENSION BETWEEN THE WOMEN AND VIEWED THE TWEET AS A SUBTLE OLIVE BRANCH.



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Jeff Gordon's popularity hasn't waned despite his extended winless streak.

Friday

7 P.M. The Nats start their home series against the Florida Marlins. MASN
7, 9:30 P.M. The Boston Celtics look for a second-straight win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the Phoenix Suns can go up 3-0 on the San Antonio Spurs. ESPN
7 P.M. The Boston Bruins shoot to sweep the Philadelphia Flyers, and the Vancouver Canucks aim to even their series against the Chicago Blackhawks. Versus

Saturday

1 P.M. You're not alone in getting sick of the Nationals' playing the Marlins. MASN
5 P.M. After waking up from your afternoon nap, you can check out Game 3 of the Orlando Magic-Atlanta Hawks series. ESPN
7 P.M. Is this the week Jeff Gordon can crack the winner's circle as NASCAR heads to Darlington, S.C., for the Southern 500? FOX
8 P.M. The Los Angeles Lakers can take a commanding 3-0 lead against the Utah Jazz. ABC

Sunday

1 P.M. The Nats close out their series against the Marlins. MASN
3:30 P.M. Game 4 of the Cavaliers-Celtics series. ABC
8 P.M. What a shock: The Red Sox play the Yankees on national TV. ESPN

The Old Folks' Home

Hernandez, Rodriguez turn back the clock to push the Nats forward

The Nationals

Ivan Rodriguez and Livan Hernandez have more in common than sharing four letters in their first names. For one thing, they're both old — by baseball standards anyway. Rodriguez, the veteran catcher and owner of 13 Gold Gloves, is 38. Hernandez, the soft-tossing veteran right-hander and former World Series MVP, is 35 — though some in baseball suspect the Cuban defector may be even older than that. Both were signed by the Washington Nationals in the off-season primarily as insurance policies. But, in a pleasant surprise for the Nationals, the most important thing these two aging veterans have in common is their performance. "On the field, their impact has been right there," manager Jim Riggleman said. "It's very obvious." Heading into this weekend's home series against the Florida Marlins, Rodriguez is hitting above .400, has thrown out 50 percent of attempted base stealers and helped a starting rotation still



LIVAN HERNANDEZ

- ▶ **THE AGE:** 35 (estimated)
- ▶ **THE EXPECTATION:** Hernandez was signed to a minor-league contract in late February, expected to be a fifth-starter at best and keep a rotation spot warm until younger pitchers with more long-term potential were ready to take over.
- ▶ **THE REALITY:** Hernandez has become the de facto ace of the staff. His 4-1 record and 0.99 ERA defy his years and his underwhelming 86 mph fastball.



IVAN RODRIGUEZ

- ▶ **THE AGE:** 38
- ▶ **THE EXPECTATION:** Rodriguez was to share the position with 25-year-old Jesus Flores. But Flores has yet to return from the shoulder injury that cost him much of the 2009 season.
- ▶ **THE REALITY:** Rodriguez is hitting above .400, has thrown out 50 percent of attempted base stealers and helped a starting rotation still in flux to become one of the strengths of the team.

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in flux to become one of the strengths of the team. Hernandez has become the de facto ace of the staff. His 4-1 record and 0.99 ERA defy his years and his underwhelming 86 mph fastball. "He's just been so good for us in so many ways," Riggleman said of Hernandez. "His calming influence on other pitchers, his impact on the game itself, not only to win the games that he's won but to take the load off our bullpen." Rodriguez is tasked with alternately handling one of the game's craftiest veterans in Hernandez but also the team's developing starters such as Craig Stammen and Luis Atilano. He's managed to coax strong performances from all of them. Riggleman acknowledged that even in the season's second month, Rodriguez is still familiarizing himself with the pitchers, starters and relievers, and he expects continued improvement. "He's had an impact on the staff, no question, but I think it'll even be more so as we go," he said. "It's a work in progress but there's been great impact to this point."

DEREK TURNER

United Gets a Shot in the Arm

Allsopp's two goals awakened a dormant offense at a key time

Major League Soccer

Danny Allsopp knows a thing or two about making an impression at a new club, and he's made one at D.C. United at a crucial time.

With two impressive goals on Wednesday, the well-traveled Australian helped his new team, and his 10th overall, stop the bleeding at five consecutive league losses. The 2-1 win over Kansas City will give beleaguered United (1-5-0) some much-needed confidence heading into Saturday's game at FC Dallas (1-1-4) and should alleviate some of the pressure on coach Curt Onalfo and the front office.

"It's just one win, but it's certainly an important one," Onalfo said. "We're not a 1-5 team. We're better than that. We know that. But that's the reality, and we have to find a way to continue to get better."

It now appears that Allsopp, with three starts under his belt, will play a key role in any revival. His two goals on Wednesday, the first after a duel with former national team defender Jimmy Conrad and the second on a perfect, 20-yard shot off a K.C. turn-



D.C. United's Danny Allsopp celebrates after his second goal on Wednesday during the team's first MLS win of the year.

"I never really got my head down or anything. I was confident things would come together at some stage and it was just sort of being patient."

— **DANNY ALLSOPP**, COMMENTING AFTER SCORING BOTH OF D.C. UNITED'S GOALS IN WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S 2-1 VICTORY AT HOME OVER THE KANSAS CITY WIZARDS.

over, revealed a genuine striker's nose for the goal.

Allsopp, 31, has demonstrated that ability throughout a career that's featured stops in the English minor leagues, four seasons at home in Melbourne (where he was a teammate of former D.C. midfielder Fred) and most recent-

ly, Qatar.

"I never really got my head down or anything," he said of United's start, which included just two goals in five games. "I was confident things would come together at some stage and it was just sort of being patient. ... I was pleased tonight, sort of made a bit of a start

here now."

His partnership with former Virginia Cavalier Adam Cristman proved especially promising. With veterans Jaime Moreno and Luciano Emilio watching from the bench, Allsopp and the athletic, tenacious Cristman caused K.C. considerable problems.

"Danny makes very, very intelligent runs, and he's a very good finisher," Onalfo said. "He's a guy that, when he has three or four chances, he's going to bury them. He scored two very good goals, timely goals, and could've had a third. So, he stepped up big for us, and that's what we need." **BRIAN STRAUS**

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Fans Gone Wild; Police Gone Wilder

Few things in sports are as entertaining to watch as a security guard tackling a fan who's rushed onto the field.

The fan is obviously a bit of a joker who isn't expecting to avoid authorities for long and a decent knock on

the head feels like punishment enough (that is, until criminal charges are filed).

Threats of injury and fines should be enough to deter most spectators from try-

ing to become part of the action. But there are always a few who see running onto the field as "the chance of a lifetime," as a teenager in Philadelphia described it this week.

The teen was talking to his father

Putting phasers on stun is appropriate for battling Klingons ... not some harmless idiot.

when describing his plot. His father had enough common sense to discourage the prank, but the advice fell on deaf ears. The result was a police officer Taser-ing the fan, raising a debate about whether the punishment fit the crime.

While the officer seems to have been within his rights to use the Taser, common sense should have probably kicked in before the situation got out of hand. Putting phasers on stun is appropriate for battling Klingons on "Star Trek," not for taking out some harmless idiot.

There could be a real threat to athletes in similar scenarios, but in those cases, security officials are armed for more dramatic measures. In most cases, though, a good old-fashioned tackle will kick some sense into knuckleheads.



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Redskins Wait on Extension for McNabb

The Redskins

Redskins General Manager Bruce Allen said Thursday the team hasn't begun contract extension talks with quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"We know there will be a time and place to address that, but right now we're focused on trying to have as good a minicamp we can, a healthy minicamp. ... There will be plenty of time to have those discussions," Allen said during an appearance on ESPN 980.

Allen also discussed a few other topics. He noted that Albert Haynesworth is working out apart from the team with his own trainer. Kevin Sheehan, co-host of "The Sports Fix," asked whether it's frustrating for the team that so much money has been invested in Haynesworth and he opts not to attend the team's voluntary workouts.

"We do hope Albert has a good season for the Redskins; it helps us win," Allen said. "That's no different than many positions. The only frustrating part is talking about people



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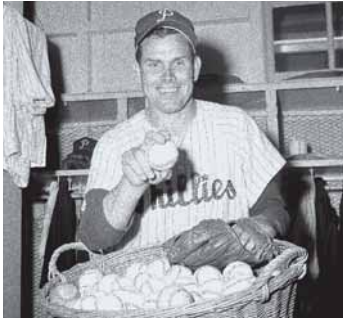
Donovan McNabb and the Redskins will take part in a minicamp this weekend.

who aren't here versus the great work ethic that 99 percent of this team has shown during the offseason."

If you're the type who cares about the team's uniform, Allen did address the team's intentions for this season — sort of. Allen said he was in his office and "looking at a beautiful pair of gold pants."

But he wouldn't directly say that the team would be wearing those gold pants this season. "I'm very proud of our team colors, and you will see our team colors on display," Allen said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief



Former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Robin Roberts died at age 83 Thursday.

OBITUARY
'Whiz Kid' Roberts Dies

Robin Roberts, the Hall of Fame pitcher who led the Philadelphia Phillies to the 1950 National League pennant as part of the famed "Whiz Kids," has died. He was 83. The right-hander was the most productive pitcher in the National League in the first half of the 1950s, topping the league in wins from 1952 to 1955, innings pitched from '51 to '55 and complete games from '52 to '56. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL
Raiders Cut QB Russell

The Oakland Raiders released former No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell on Thursday, ending a three-year tenure marked by his high salary and unproductive play on the field. The decision came less than two weeks after Oakland acquired Jason Campbell from Washington to take over at quarterback and signifies that owner Al Davis finally lost patience with the immensely talented but unproductive player. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL
Celtics GM Ainge Fined \$25K for Towel Flap

Celtics General Manager Danny Ainge was fined \$25,000 by the NBA on Thursday for tossing a towel to try to distract Cavaliers forward J.J. Hickson as he shot a free throw. Ainge, who was sitting courtside under the Cavs' basket, flipped a white towel over his head during the third quarter of Monday night's playoff game between Boston and Cleveland. The Celtics led by 23 points at the time, and Hickson made the free throw anyway. (AP)

Taylor Accused of Raping Teen

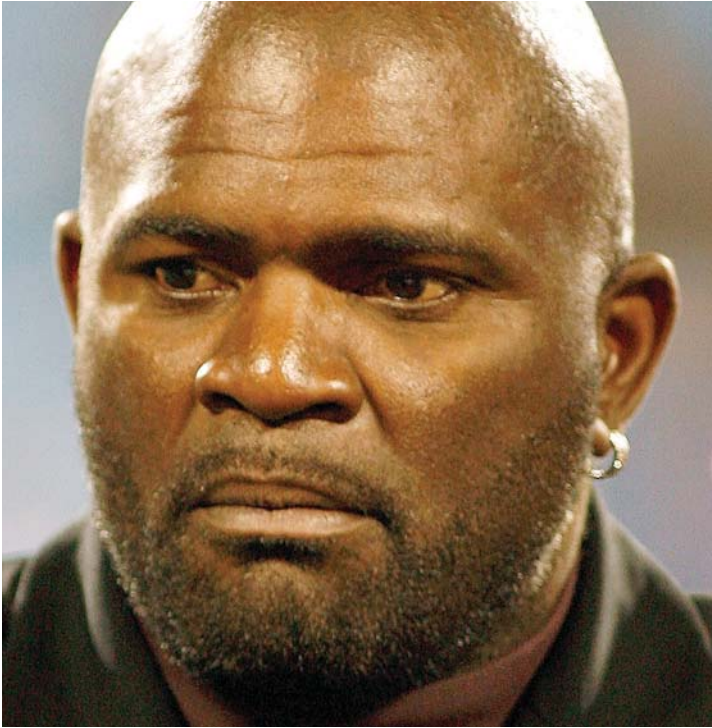
NFL Hall of Famer's bail set at \$75K after early morning arrest

Pro Football

Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was charged Thursday with raping a 16-year-old runaway in an encounter that police said was arranged by a man who beat her up before driving her to Taylor's suburban hotel room while she texted her uncle for help.

Taylor, the 51-year-old former New York Giant, paid the girl \$300 for sex in a Holiday Inn, where he was arrested early Thursday, said Christopher St. Lawrence, supervisor of the town of Ramapo.

Ramapo Chief of Police Peter Brower said Taylor was cooperative when police woke him up around 4 a.m. Taylor was arraigned Thursday on charges of third-degree rape and patronizing a prostitute. Third-degree rape is a charge levied when the victim is under the age of consent, which is 17 in New York.



Lawrence Taylor was arraigned in a New York court on Thursday on rape charges.

"I'm not that important," Taylor said after being released on \$75,000 bail. His attorney, Arthur Aida-

la, said Taylor is a "loving family man" who did not have sex with the teenager. Police said the girl was report-

Off-Field Problems

- ▶ In 1996 and 1997, Lawrence Taylor was arrested in South Carolina and Florida on drug charges. In those cases, he either admitted his guilt or agreed to enter a pretrial intervention program.
- ▶ In 2000, he drew five years of federal probation for filing false tax returns and for tax evasion.
- ▶ In 2001, Taylor was convicted of possessing drug paraphernalia in New Jersey. The conviction stemmed from the September 1998 discovery in a hotel room of a butane torch and other materials commonly used to smoke crack.

ed missing in March and had been staying with a 36-year-old parolee, Rasheed Davis. Early Thursday, Davis punched and kicked her, drove her to the hotel against her will and told her she had to have sex with Taylor, police said. When she refused, Davis handed her over to Taylor, who sexually assaulted her, they said. (AP)

There's Nobody Home in Birdland Anymore

The Orioles

During their opening homestand this season, the Baltimore Orioles lost to the Tampa Bay Rays before a listless crowd of 9,129, the smallest in the history of Camden Yards.

Two weeks later, more than half the 17,248 fans in attendance backed the visiting New York Yankees during their 8-3 victory. A few days after that, thousands of red-clad backers cheered for the Red Sox in Boston's second-favorite stadium.

How times have changed. Back in their heyday, the Orioles had a star at every position and a fan in every seat. Wild Bill Hagy worked the crowd into a frenzy with his antics in Section 34 at Memorial Stadium, and more often



The Orioles play the Rays in front of a sparse crowd at Camden Yards this season.

than not, the home team won. Given the state of the franchise today, it would be difficult convincing some people that Baltimore used to be a baseball town. "Some nights you get a lot of

New York fans and very few Orioles fans. They sell their tickets," said former Oriole Terry Crowley, now the team's hitting coach. The team got off to a 2-16 start this year in what appears to be Bal-

timore's 13th-consecutive losing season. Over the past 12 seasons the Orioles have tried everything to turn it around — with absolutely no success. After enduring years of poor drafts and the signing of past-their-prime free agents such as Sammy Sosa, Will Clark and Joe Carter, many Orioles fans have abandoned hope. Those who have stuck around are still waiting to see Baltimore's first winning team of the new millennium. "If you love your team, you love them through good times and bad times, and you stick with them," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "Because sooner or later this team will turn it around, and you want to be there when that happens." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

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Big Plans For a Hot Spot in Southeast

Residents cheer growth in Capitol Riverfront

Redevelopment

When Chris Phelan and his wife, Elaine, decided in 2008 to move into a dilapidated historic townhouse in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood, their friends and families balked: "They said, 'You can't be serious!'" Chris Phelan recalls. That wasn't surprising, given that the Riverfront, once a maritime and shipbuilding hub, in recent years has been known for its crime and vacant lots — or simply not known at all. But the Phelans had a vision: "We saw a lot of potential — and we still do," says Chris Phelan, 32.

Planners and investors are busily promoting this optimism, as are the Riverfront's residents, who have grown from just a few hundred several years ago to more than 2,700 today. The Riverfront, or "the Front" — as promoters and investors like to call it — is already home to a mixed-use community of 35,000 daytime employees, including workers at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, the Navy and a number of private companies.

The fact that the neighborhood is only just emerging as a real estate hot spot is remarkable given its geographic centrality — just five blocks from the U.S. Capitol and around the corner from Barracks Row on Capitol Hill.

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KEVIN DIETSCH

Daryl Jackson says camaraderie is strong among residents at Capitol Hill Tower, located in Capitol Riverfront. "The sense of community is palpable," he says.

“THERE ARE NOT MANY LOCATIONS LIKE THIS IN D.C. THE RIVER GIVES THE [NEIGHBORHOOD] SOMETHING EXTRA.”

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Front and Center

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Of course, the Front's visibility increased dramatically when baseball arrived there in 2008. For many Washingtonians, this once-unknown area is now synonymous with Nationals Stadium, a fact not lost on the locals, many of whom are self-described baseball junkies. But according to Michael Stevens, the executive director of the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District, the stadium was just "gasoline on the fire" of 15 years of strategic positioning by the BID and the local government.

"The river was always the main attraction," says Stevens, who envisions the Front becoming an entertainment destination where Washingtonians and tourists will walk, cycle, canoe and relax along the untapped miles of the Anacostia riverfront. This will be one of the largest riverfront redevelopments in the nation, Stevens thinks.

For the Phelans, both Hill staffers, a short walk to work was certainly a big draw, but the riverfront was what really hooked them. "There are not many locations like this in D.C. The river gives the Front something extra — no one else can boast this," Chris Phelan says.

Still, Capitol Riverfront is a "new" neighborhood, says Jacqueline Dupree, who has been documenting the Front's dramatic transformation over the past decade on her popular, blog Jdland.com (she also works for The Washington Post, which is owned by the same parent company as Express). "It's a neighborhood that's still just coming off the drawing board, with a long way to go, and many amenities are just not here yet. But the residents are enthusiastic about its future and have moved here with a belief that the good stuff will be coming," Dupree says.

Like in any developing real estate market, the recession took its toll. But for the Capitol Riverfront BID, "the goal is to keep moving various projects forward while positioning the Front for the next wave of development opportunities," Ste-



Daryl Jackson relaxes in his one-bedroom Capitol Hill Towers condo. Some units in the building boast views of the U.S. Capitol.



The Navy Yard is the closest Metrorail station to the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood.

vens says. For Chris Phelan and other residents, the slowdown in development is not too worrisome. "We are encouraged each time we walk by a new crane or bulldozer," Chris Phelan says.

The neighborhood itself lacks many basic amenities right now, though there are three supermarkets within 2 miles, a handful of carry-outs and a corner deli called Cornercopia (1000 Third St. SE). But "the folks who publicize the area like to say that, when it's built out, it'll be the size of a midsized American downtown," Dupree says.

Once completed, about 60 percent of the area will have been

demolished and rebuilt with new retail, residential, office, hotel and park space, according to the BID. Such developments include Half Street, a block just north of Nationals Park that's slated to host restaurants and retail; and the Yards, 44 acres of office, residential and retail spaces, including renovations of a number of World War I-era buildings. These projects are slated to be developed over the next 10 to 20 years.

While they wait, Dupree says, residents and office workers in the Front appreciate the neighborhood's proximity to downtown D.C. and to Capitol Hill.

Top-notch buildings and ame-

nities drew in Daryl Jackson, who owns a condo in Capitol Hill Tower (1000 New Jersey Ave. SE; Capitolhilltower.com), which boasts a large indoor pool and spa, and a Ken Smith-designed landscaped courtyard. "The sense of community is palpable," Jackson says.

"We have a lot of get-togethers within our building but also with other buildings in the area. Everyone is extremely neighborly and friendly. It's a great atmosphere." The Tower, which offers studios from the low-\$200s up to three-bedrooms from the low-\$500s, is more than just condos to Jackson; it is a "real community," he says.

Prospective buyers can also consider the Velocity building, which has sold 40 percent of its 200 condos, and ranges in price from the high-\$200s to the high-\$600s. Vicki Johnston, a Realtor who handles sales for the building, says a main appeal of Velocity is the 360-degree views from its rooftop pool.

"To the right is the U.S. Capitol building and to your left is the Anacostia River," Johnston says. An acoustic engineer worked to ensure that the units are exceptionally soundproof, says Johnston, who has "no doubt that as the area builds out, the value of the condos in the Front will skyrocket." CATRIN MORRIS

Area Amenities

Location

Capitol Riverfront encompasses about 500 acres between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River. The Front shares its northern border with Capitol Hill and is located just blocks from the Barracks Row entertainment and dining district.

Transportation

Capitol Riverfront is served by Metrorail's Green Line at the Navy Yard station and is within walking distance of the Blue and Orange lines at the Capitol South and Eastern Market stations. A Circulator bus stops every 10 minutes and connects the Front to Union Station, Eastern Market and the U.S. Capitol. A water taxi operates between Diamond Teague Park and Piers, Alexandria and National Harbor.

Groceries

Cornercopia Market and Deli (1000 Third St. SE; 202-525-1653) sells wine and beer, deli sandwiches, and a selection of upscale and organic items. There are also three major grocery stores within two miles of the neighborhood, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (with support from the BID) holds a farmers market on Tuesdays between May and November at Third and M streets SE.

Fitness/Recreation

Walk, cycle or jog along the riverfront or the nearby National Mall. Kayaks and canoes are available to rent at Diamond Teague Park and Piers. The truly adventurous can swing from a trapeze at the Trapeze School New York (corner of Fourth and Tingey streets SE). A 3-acre site for Canal Park, which will ultimately house an ice rink in the winter but is already the site of the BID's annual Outdoor Movie Series, is slated for further development later this year.

Dining and Bars

Locals and Nationals fans alike can dine at the recently opened Justin's Café (1025 First St. SE; Justinscafe.com). For more restaurants, just walk a few blocks to Barracks Row (Eighth Street SE). C.M.

Where Beginners Luck Out

Four neighborhoods offer bargains for rookie home buyers

Hot Hoods

The federal government's first-time home buyer tax credit may have expired last month, but there are still plenty of reasons for rookies to brave the market. Tempting low interest rates and accessible price points are pushing many first-timers from the sidelines and into the bullring.

Four Washington-area neighborhoods — Logan Circle/Shaw and Mount Vernon Triangle in the District; and Fairlington/Shirlington and Centreville in Virginia — have much to offer cash-strapped newbies, whether they're condo cravers or pining for a townhouse on the range. (Maryland buyers with similar needs might consider Hyattsville, where residents enjoy close proximity to the District but a small-town vibe, historic homes and an arts district.)



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Mount Vernon Triangle's CityVista condos have attracted first-time buyers who want to live in the heart of downtown D.C.

Fairlington/Shirlington

Nuzzled up to I-395 in Arlington County, the garden-style condos and townhouses of Fairlington-Shirlington remain popular among first-time NoVa buyers, with one-

bedroom condos selling for about \$250,000.

Affordable prices there have lured first-timers such as Joy Beck, 30, who last year closed on a two-bedroom/two-bathroom condo in

the West Village of Shirlington. Even after renting in the D.C. area for nearly 10 years, she hadn't given much thought to buying a place until a short-sale opportunity arose that she couldn't pass up.

"The facilities are amazing — we have a huge pool, brand-new gym, a nice community center and it's very dog-friendly," gushes Beck, an assistant vice president/portfolio manager at M&T Bank, who happily coexists with her golden retriever/collie mix pooch, Lucy.

Beck enjoys the area's close sense of community, whether mingling with her 20- and 30-something neighbors at cookouts planned by the condo association or across the street at Shirlington Village. (The shopping center has outposts of Harris Teeter, Cake Love, Capital City Brewing Company, Guapo's and more, plus three movie theaters.)

The Fairlington Villages' World War II-era condos and townhouses are another longtime young buyer favorite. "There's almost a college campus-type atmosphere" among Fairlington Villages homeowners, says Billy Buck, president of Buck & Associates in Arlington. "Not only are [the condos] affordable, but they're also very attractive."

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For prospective Fairlington-Shirlington buyers seeking more bang for their buck, Long & Foster real estate agent Christine Rich suggests checking out the Arlington (spread among an area bordered by S. Walter Reed Drive, S. Wakefield Street and 28th Road) where two-bedroom condos often sell for less than \$300,000.

Logan Circle/Shaw

City-craving District buyers — who possess neither the bank accounts for Georgetown nor the patience to wait around for development to strike areas less trodden — often gravitate toward Logan Circle and adjacent blocks of Shaw. “Logan is fashionably urban and probably the most diverse crossroads of the city,” says Ken Johnson, CEO of DCRealEstate.com.

After a few years of renting in



Shirlington residents relax at the local outpost of Busboys and Poets. The neighborhood has attracted many first-time buyers.

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the Logan Circle neighborhood, Michael Topp, 29, director of membership of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Rob Linnander, 26, a health care consultant, came to a simple conclusion: They loved the neighborhood about as much as they hated the high cost of rent. Last summer, the couple became the proud owners of a 1,000-square-foot, one-bedroom-plus-den Logan Park condo in the 16-unit building at 1616 11th St. NW.

“Logan Circle is so dynamic and still changing,” Topp says. “A dog park just opened across the street, and there’s always something going on along 14th Street.”

Prime addresses like those in Logan Circle don’t come cheap. Condo prices in Shaw and Logan Circle typically range from \$250,000 to \$499,000 for cozy one-bedrooms, often in new buildings that feature high-end finishes (granite counters, stainless-steel appliances), elevators and on-site gyms, says D.C. Realtor Kevin J. Wood.

Mount Vernon Triangle

When native Washingtonian Danai Mattison recently decided to buy her first place, she looked to the CityVista development in D.C.’s

Mount Vernon Triangle.

“I grew up in the suburbs of Northwest,” she says. “It’s exciting for me to come downtown.” Mattison, 22, also works as settlement coordinator for CityVista, so she can attest that many fellow first-timers have flocked to the project.

To Mattison, buying a CityVista pad last year was a “no-brain-

Fairfax County's exurbs appeal to rookie buyers who don't mind living beyond the Beltway and want more space than a condo.

er.” “It’s an investment in the area,” she says.

The project has breathed new life into the former void through the opening of a shiny new Safeway grocery store, Busboys and Poets (1025 5th St. NW) and Fifth Street Hardware (1055 5th St. NW).

Buyers wary of downtown’s concrete jungle can find refuge at Vista Green, a private 1-acre park in the middle of the CityVista complex. One-bedroom units at CityVista start in the \$300,000s.

Centreville

Radiating from I-66, Fairfax County exurbs award residents relatively easy access to Northern Virginia and downtown D.C., which appeals to rookies who don’t mind living beyond the Beltway and want more space than a condo.

“The first-time home buyers I work with are looking in Centreville, Chantilly and Fairfax, and looking in the \$200,000 to \$350,000 range. There is a lot of activity,” says Jane Quill, a broker and past president of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors.

Centreville’s relatively lower price tags — and larger floor plans — attracted Chris and Suzanna Bell, 24 and 23, respectively. Last May, the couple snagged a townhouse on short sale at Woodgate Village, a 123-unit community at Stone Road and Route 29. The Bells’ spacious new digs have three bedrooms, one on each of three levels, plus an open kitchen and living room, basement-level family room and fireplace.

“It puts us right in the middle of a lot of stuff,” Chris Bell says. “It’s a short hop down 29 to the Manassas business district. We’re probably five minutes from a mall. We can take 66 to the Metro to get to downtown D.C.” **KATIE KNOROVSKY**

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Safety Nets for Novices

Skillful bargaining and contingencies help home buyers make wise decisions

Buyer Protection

The life of a first-time condo buyer today is not an easy one. A newbie could spend weeks, maybe months, attending open houses, dealing with real estate agents and mortgage officers and piles of paperwork — and all while our nation's financial system is in the worst shape since the Great Depression. Many new buyers are understandably nervous about making such a big purchase now: "What if I lose my job?" "What if the market falls further?"

Though the economy has become much more stable in recent months, there are plenty of reasons a rookie buyer might hesitate to sign a contract. Maybe financing falls through at the last minute, or by the time you've gotten your mortgage, the value of your home has plummeted. Maybe you just lost your job. Maybe you want to buy that townhouse, but you're just worried.

But there are plenty of ways to protect yourself — contingency plans smart buyers can use to back away from property they no longer want, and methods they can use to get more for their money. Learn these tips well and use them responsibly.

Inspection Contingency

Most contracts work like this: Before going to the final closing, the buyer pays the seller a percentage of the condo's value as "earnest money." This isn't a down payment (which is typically much more money), but just a way for the buyer to signify, "I'm serious about this purchase." The seller gets to keep that money if the buyer then decides to walk away — unless certain contingencies are met.

Most contracts, says Katie Weth-



First-time buyers Adam Calabrese and Valerie Jones find their Del Ray home on a map.

man, a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, have a clause that says buyers can back out of the deal if a home inspection turns up issues that they don't want to tackle — even a broken garbage disposal is enough for someone to walk away.

But even when there aren't major problems, buyers can change their minds without penalty. "What a lot of agents don't realize is there's a clause in the home inspection that gives a buyer an out for any reason," Wethman says. She likes to structure her buyers' contracts to give them a little more wiggle room, changing the typical three-day window to a week or more, if the seller is amenable.

Two of Wethman's clients last year took advantage of one of her extra-flexible, buyer-friendly contracts. First-time buyers Adam Calabrese and Valerie Jones put an offer on a three-bedroom townhouse in Del Ray, which was accepted. Two days later, Calabrese got a call offering him an interview for his dream job — but it would have involved a relocation. So, the new

buyers faced a dilemma: Forget about the career move and buy the house, or give up on the house for just the possibility of the job?

Calabrese, 28, a consultant, and Jones, 29, a library aide, didn't know what to do.

"I had [asked Wethman if she could buy us more time so I could be able to get out of the contract]," Calabrese said. "She worked it so we waited until the very last day to submit the inspection report, and she loaded the inspection report with pretty much everything that was wrong, being pretty sure that [the seller] would counter, which would then buy us three more days." Calabrese was able to go to his interview knowing that, if needed, the couple could walk away from the deal without consequence. (After Calabrese ultimately decided not to take the job, the couple landed the townhouse.)

Appraisal Contingency

Simply put, the appraisal contingency means that if the property

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Contingency Plans

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isn't worth about as much as you're paying for it, you can renegotiate without breaking the contract. Smart agents try to write these contingencies into contracts, but there are certain times when this doesn't work.

Developers selling whole condo buildings are much less willing to negotiate with individual sellers. They have standardized contracts they don't like to budge from, says Taylor Connolly, a lead real estate agent at Redfin, which sells homes in D.C. and Maryland.

Financing Contingency

Still, in this economy, first-time buyers may find there's some wiggle room for financing, even when



Valerie Jones stands in the kitchen of the Del Ray townhouse she recently bought.

FINANCING AID

The Federal Housing Administration can help you get a loan with just a 3.5 percent down payment, compared to the 10 percent or higher usually required by lenders. Many restrictions apply, though, from the property type to the number of days it's been on the market, so check with a lender or agent with FHA experience.

► **Quick and Dirty?** A short sale — popular these days with deal-hunters — can end up being anything but short. Since the bank servicing the current owner's mortgage must agree to the sale price, you have more people to negotiate with than just the owner(s) and a real estate agent.

► **Fixer-upper?** The FHA also offers a loan for homes that need a bit of TLC: the 203(k) program. The program can essentially help you lock in extra money for repairs at the same low interest rate as your primary mortgage.

► **Extra Costs:** Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) guarantees the lender payment if you default on your loan, and it's often required if you're putting less than 20 percent down. When calculating how much home you can afford, be sure to figure PMI costs into your payments.

► **Money For Nothing:** The federal first-time home buyers tax credit may have expired, but first-time buyers in D.C. are eligible for a \$5,000 tax credit — with no time limits. R.K.

least trying to get a loan, we're fine with it.' A year ago, they would have taken your money and told you to try again later," Connolly says.

Other Loopholes

The lawyers at New York-based No-Condo.com think they've struck gold. They've been using condo developers' failure to file papers under the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act as a basis for rescinding a buyer's contract.

It sounds like legalese, and it is; the ILSFDA is a law meant to prevent speculators from selling uninhabitable plots of land. Interpreted in a different way, the law could also apply to developers' building condo complexes with more than 99 units. The No-Condo lawyers say they can use a developer's failure to comply with this act as a way to get buyers out of contracts they don't want to be in.

Brian West of the West Law Group in Tysons Corner represents No-Condo.com in Washington. "The key is, did you register [with the department of Housing and Urban Development] or not? If you didn't, your clients get to rescind." No Condo is working with a few clients in New York — some of whom have succeeded in breaking their contracts — but none yet in D.C.

What Could Go Wrong?

If you back out of a contract without using one of these contingencies, kiss your earnest money goodbye.

But even if you can take the financial hit, you may want to think twice before ditching a deal: While breach of contract won't ding your credit report or make it harder for you to buy a condo in the future, the seller has the right to sue.

Connolly says he's heard of cases in which sellers sued defaulted buyers for the losses incurred by not being able to market their property to anyone else. If the condo loses value between the time of the initial earnest money payment and the buyers' backing out, sellers can win the difference between the previous asking price and the current value. **RACHEL KAUFMAN**

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Molly Ringwald

ACTRESS, AUTHOR, JAZZ LOVER

It's easy to think of Molly Ringwald as the eternal teenager — the sometimes peppy, sometimes pouty star of such classic '80s films as "Pretty in Pink" and "Sixteen Candles." Her teens might be decades behind her, but Ringwald's career is still spunky: She's playing a mom in ABC Family's hit "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" and crafting life lessons into pearls of wisdom in a new book, "Getting the Pretty Back" (\$26, It Books). She shared some advice with Express' Jennifer Barger.

You're so well-rounded — is that why you decided to write this book?

I'd been thinking of writing a book for a while. I wrote the book that I wanted to read. I didn't want some dour self-help book, and I'm not

really a confessional type of person. I wanted to write something that was fun, sexy, inspirational, uplifting.

You write about falling in love with yourself. How can women do that?

One of the themes of the book is confidence. So many people look outside of themselves for affirmation; they look to that other person to mirror something back to them. You really can't depend on that. It has to come from yourself. Getting in shape is a huge thing. It's not that I love working out — it's a fact of life. When I'm strong and in shape, and when I can run without getting winded, I feel better.

You've got a nice list of basics — trench coats, cashmere turtle-

neck — that every woman should own. What shouldn't they own?

My pet peeve is T-shirts with bad logos or bad slogans. You need to ask why you are wearing something that advertises something else.

"So many people look outside of themselves for affirmation. ... You really can't depend on that."

Food and recipes play a bountiful role in the book. What's your style like in the kitchen?

My husband calls me a fancy cook — whenever I cook, it's a big production. My husband is the diner chef; he gets the food on the table on time. I'm still learning how to be a little bit more practical with my cooking.

What's it been like to see the fashions of the '80s brought back?

I'm not into the micro-mini. Certain aspects of the 1980s I find that I still like. If it's done right, it's a nod to the era and not exactly a replica.

How about sharing food? What are the key ingredients for a perfect dinner party?

Choosing the right combination of people. I think six is good; four feels like a double date. And more than six, you have too many different conversations. And music is important. Nothing too loud, and classical music is a little too serious. I really love jazz.

What advice would you have for today's teen sensations?

Pace yourself, and don't be in too big of a rush to grow up.

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**Cast a
Dry Spell**

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**Twisting
The Knife**

SIGH — RED clashes with so many yacht color schemes. Swap your **4** classic Swiss army knife for a summery model that looks like a Hawaiian surfboard mated with a multi-tool and had babies. Victorinox's new line (\$21, Swissarmy.com) features four options you won't be embarrassed to whip out at Martha's Vineyard, including a fly lobster-emblazoned version. Each has a blade, nail file, toothpick and tweezers. Maybe don't use the toothpick in public, though.

**Dear Manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My husband has concocted what he thinks is the perfect Mother's Day scheme: Packing me off to brunch with his mom while he and his pal "take care of the kids" and watch baseball. I need some shoes that will make this go down easier. — ERIN

Manolo says, while this scheme, which involves at least three of the four major Mother's Day food groups (Canadian bacon, Hollandaise sauce, and mimosas, the fourth being Russell Stover chocolate) is indeed most



bold, it sadly does not fulfill the most basic of the Mother's Day brunching requirements: that the child be present for the consumption of the afore-said foodstuffs.

Pay her back for all of those years she shoveled homemade food onto your plate by sitting there quietly while she eats eggs Benedict and country potatoes, gets buzzed on the second-rate champagne and recounts how she suffered through 17 hours of labor while giving birth to you.

Look! It is the Better Than Gold from Lilly Pulitzer (\$202, Zappos.com), the wedge sandal that both you and your husband's mother will love.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

About the Cover

Takoma Park blogger Manvi Drona-Hidalgo (Mochatini.net) elevates her table settings with handmade touches and trinkets collected on her travels, such as these green-glazed bowls from a Buenos Aires designer.

**Grab
Bag****Fresh
Spins**

DESIGNER SHELLI SEGAL champions sequins and slinky minis in her cocktail-wear line, Laundry. But these days, she's focused on a lower-key vibe with her 4-year-old brand Bailey 44, whose super-soft jersey frocks and tops boast clever draping, cool cut-outs and beaded accents that work for rooftop parties and other casual summer fetes. A crop of tanks and dresses — including this hand-dyed sundress (\$240) — just arrived at Betsy Fisher (1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975).

**5 Cherry
Crush**

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS come just once a year, but Bacardi Torched Cherry (\$13.99) will be hanging out in our high-balls whatever the weather. The sweet stuff is made of Barbados cherries and torched plant aloe — apparently, a succulent South African favorite. While it's drinkable straight, you'll probably prefer sipping it mixed with Coke or in a creative cocktail. Bacardi recommends the Burnt Berry, made with Sprite and pomegranate juice with a cherry on top.

Spread's The Word

UPDATE YOUR TABLETOP WITH THRIFT-STORE FINDS, MISMATCHED CHINA AND OTHER ECLECTIC ELEMENTS

► In Granny's heyday, dining rooms tended to be prim-and-proper lairs of etiquette queens like Emily Post, no-man's-lands for elbows on the table or chipped china. But just as heels and hose have been traded for peep-toe pumps (or beachy flip-flops), so, too, has the dining room been dressed down.

"A dining room should be relaxing and comfortable — where friends and family are encouraged to hang out long after the meal," says Tai Tsang, owner of home boutique Tabletop (1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117). But just as "comfortable" isn't a byword for sporting saggy sweatpants to supper, neither is it an excuse for slack-

ing when it comes to outfitting the dinner table.

"A stylish dining table creates ambiance. It promotes better conversation," adds Manvi Drona-Hidalgo, 29, a Takoma Park interior stylist and design blogger (Mochatini.net).

Luckily, tables today look novel and chic topped with a clever miscellany of linens, dishes and glasses instead of the coordinated sets of bygone days. "All the flatware and dinnerware doesn't have to match, or it'll look like you dragged out your wedding china," says Joe Nye, Los Angeles interior designer and author of "Flair: Exquisite Invitations, Lush Flowers and Gorgeous Table Settings for Special Occasions" (\$30, Rizzoli). "I like mixing really beautiful, expensive items with inexpensive things. It's that whole high and low thing — like how you'll wear a Chanel jacket over a wife-beater T-shirt."

You can apply that attitude whether your cupboards are stacked with Great-Aunt Violet's gilded Aynsley china or white Ikea melamine plates. Because even fusty heirloom porcelain feels fresh if you arrange it with a forward-looking eye. "Beautiful antique dishware can be popped out by using a bright tablecloth — pick one of the colors in the pattern," says designer Kim Myles, host of HGTV's "Myles of Style." "Char-



A striped, sherbet-hued scarf does tablecloth duty, while scalloped plates and soft votives set a mood perfect for brunch.

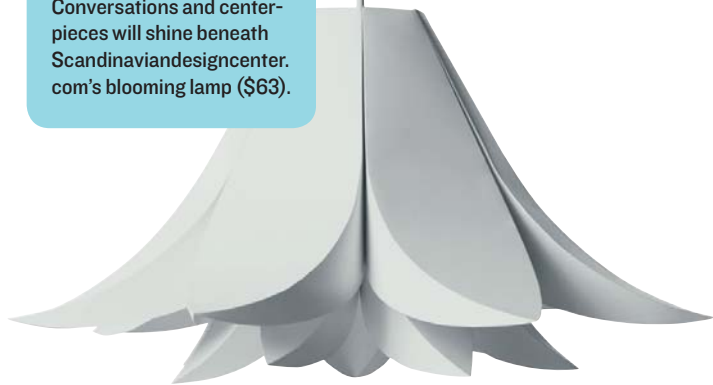


SEATING

Cheery chairs perk up a tired dining room and add a shot of mod to mealtime (\$99, Westelm.com).

LIGHTS

Conversations and centerpieces will shine beneath Scandinaviadesigncenter.com's blooming lamp (\$63).



LAWRENCE LUK

“The personal touch that goes into entertaining at home transports you in a way that a restaurant can’t.”

Manvi Drona-Hidalgo, interior stylist and blogger (Mochatini.net)

ger platters, whether silver or gold, make it more presentational, and sends a message that the plate is special.”

And if you don't own a complete set of dishes or stemware, don't stress. Round out your collection with complementary, but intentionally distinct, pieces. Though white plates set on crisp linens have timeless appeal, modern table-setters often prefer bold color palettes and punchy patterns, layering multiple plates or adding bright napkins and colored glasses.

Browse thrift shops and flea markets for “Alice in Wonderland”-style vintage tea sets, embroidered linens and sterling silverware that inject a worn-in flair to your dining table. “At the moment, old beautiful white and cream linens hand-stitched with floral patterns are all the rage mixed with clean white dishes,” explains Liz Belton, a British stylist who worked on “Table Style: 101 Creative Ideas for Elegant and Affordable Entertaining” (\$25, Ryland Peters & Small). “It's easy to create a new look rather than buying a new set of china.”

Drona-Hidalgo punctuates her table with a mishmash of etched crystal glasses scored at flea markets or used treasure troves such as Ruff & Ready Furnishings (1908 14th St. NW; 202-667-7833). Then she sprinkles her dining room with an air of bespoke charm, from

handmade place cards to vintage saucers piled with gourmet salts and tiny spoons.

For many millennial homesteaders, a pared-down tabletop is a breezy antidote to the extravagant tableaux of yesteryear. Think trendy and tailored but also sleek and streamlined. “People feel like in order to dress the top of the table, it has to be some over-the-top event,” Myles says. “Always consider the sight line — you don't want things so high and fabulous that guests can't look across the table.”

Instead of show-stopping centerpieces, she says, go for simple accessories that won't distract from the meal. She recommends trading a clunky bouquet for a series of small vases, water glasses or food jars (with the labels peeled off), with a single flower stem snipped

short and placed in each. Tsang likes to bedeck her dinner table with potted herbs, which guests are encouraged to take home as party favors.

Others rely on the chow itself to dish up visual stimuli. Try placing nibbles on a pedestal via elevated cake stands — a decadent look that exudes a Marie-Antoinette-at-the-banquet aesthetic, says Myles.

Drona-Hidalgo showcases succulents and blocks of sprouting wheatgrass as natural table decorations. And she recycles scrubbed-down wine bottles as bistro-inspired water carafes, with hand-scrawled tags labeled still or sparkling. “The personal touch that goes into entertaining at home transports you in a way that a restaurant can't,” Drona-Hidalgo says. **KATIE KNOROVSKY**

This bright tabletop glows with sea-and-sun exuberance; a thrift store fishbowl makes waves as a vase.



LAWRENCE LUK

DINING DECOR

Once a formal parlor that stayed boarded up between black-tie dinner fêtes, the dining room has evolved into the anything-goes hub of many homes. Designers suggest taking a cue from the room's inherent liveliness, which means setting up the space to be multipurpose and considering comfort a priority.



“Splurge on great **chairs** with cushions for hours

around a table crammed with great food and great company — or for late-night card games,” suggests Liz Belton, a British stylist who staged the photography for “Table Style: 101 Creative Ideas for Elegant and Affordable Entertaining” (\$25, Ryland Peters & Small).



Up the style wattage by illuminating the dinner table with a **light fixture** worthy of the spotlight, then install a dimmer switch. “Lighting can really help set the tone of a dining area,” says Tai Tsang, owner of home boutique Tabletop (1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117), where you can score the lamp at left for \$78.



In small spaces, dining tables are sometimes barely big enough to contain your plates and glasses, to say nothing of squeezing on flower vases or other garnishes. Simplify your table but pile a **credenza** with spring branches, bunches of peonies or other flourishes, suggests Manvi Drona-Hidalgo of Mochatini.net. “I like attention-grabbing sideboards, which keeps the dinner table free for food and drinks,” she says.



Finally, try some **hotter hues**, advises designer Kim Myles, host of HGTV's “Myles of Style.” “Take a leap on warm colors like yellows, oranges and reds — any color that's exciting to the appetite,” she says. **K.K.**

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FOCUS FEATURES

Baby Steps

I'm pretty sure "Babies" is the first time I've seen moms nursing their kids on the big screen since 1998's "The Sweet Hereafter," and "Babies" has the advantage of not having a giant school bus crash.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

The much-hyped documentary — which follows four infants in the U.S., Japan, Mongolia and Namibia — looks at the way child-rearing is different the world over, even though children manage to remain almost exactly the same.

Ponijao, the Namibian baby, spends most of her time around topless women. That footage makes you realize how we really only see breasts on film in sexual situations. Here, boobs are for babies. And nursing is, you know, feeding the baby, not something that requires a frantic search for privacy. Ponijao and her mom are walking down the road. She tugs on her arm. Mom leans over, Ponijao takes a few hits, and they continue on.

Breasts on film are nothing new, but nursing is. And when we hide what's normal, it becomes exotic and, often, forbidden. My own first nursing-in-public attempts involved a sarong and furtive glances to make sure no one was watching. (That ended when the baby got hungry in a Chik-fil-A.) So, let's hope "Babies" encourages everyone to drop the covers and let it all hang out.



Magnetism Lost

The 'Iron Man' franchise trades up its whip-smart cheek for lackluster action

Film Review

The best thing about "Iron Man" was Robert Downey Jr.'s cheek and expressiveness. The worst was the hardware: What began as a bracingly irreverent diversion from comic book movies that take themselves way too seriously morphed into "Transformers," ending in a clanking, heavy-metal smackdown.

"Iron Man 2" seems to have taken some wrong cues from its predecessor, drowning any potential sophistication in a busy, unfocused clatter of cross-talk punctuated by occasional fender-bender royales. The film seems chiefly intended as a placeholder for the next dozen or so sequels. But with everyone's eyes on extending the franchise, they've

overlooked the possibilities right in front of them. A terrific villain is a terrible thing to waste — namely Mickey Rourke, who, like most of the supporting players here, is given much too little to do with his gifts.

Rourke plays Ivan Vanko, who, as the movie opens, is working in Moscow on a metallic exoskeleton that will rival Iron Man's both in technological complexity and destructive throw-weight. Meanwhile, Tony Stark (Downey) has secured world peace for the moment, rendering the U.S. military and attendant civilian apparatus irrelevant. He's cocky, full of himself and obnoxiously at the top of his game — but with Stark, there are always shadows. When Vanko confronts Tony for their first showdown at the Grand Prix in Monaco, it's clear that "Iron Man 2" will be propelled by Oedipal psychological issues and struggles with mortality.

Aw, who's anybody kidding? "Iron Man 2" is propelled by stuff getting blown up, strafed, consumed by fireballs and blasted into oblivion. Director Jon Favreau, who stars as Tony's factotum Happy Hogan, makes sure to insert whammies at every prescribed juncture. Just when Rourke is hitting his stride, "Iron Man 2" introduces another

Above: Mickey Rourke as the sequel's villain, Ivan Vanko, a Russian with a mean exoskeleton all his own. **Right:** Downey reprises his role as Tony Stark, aka Iron Man. **Below:** Scarlett Johansson enters the fray as a seductive Soviet agent.

er character, played by Scarlett Johansson, who herself must make way for a recap featuring Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, who must scoot over for some expository mustache-twirling by a defense contractor played by Sam Rockwell.

And we haven't yet discussed close friend Rhodey stealing an Iron Man suit (Don Cheadle has assumed the role last occupied by Terrence Howard, and brings his usual class and understatement to the task). Iron Man and his retinue of enablers still qualify as the most easy-to-like players in the comic-book movie rotation, but only when they're allowed to emerge from behind the gizmos and geek-speak. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

'Iron Man 2'

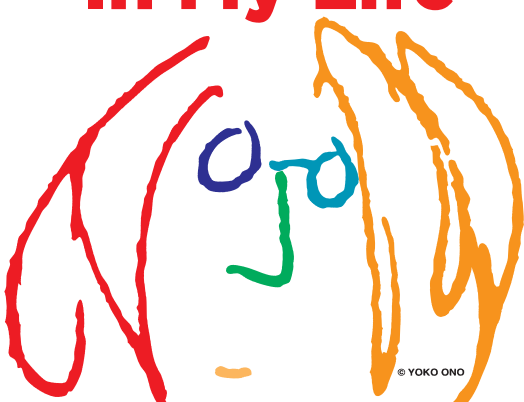
Director: Jon Favreau
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Mickey Rourke, Don Cheadle and Scarlett Johansson
In a Nutshell: Tony Stark (Downey) reveals his identity and is confronted by his new nemesis, Ivan Vanko (Rourke).



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The World of ‘Babies’

A new documentary lets early childhood gurgle all for itself

Film Review

“Babies” might be the first post-YouTube documentary. With no narration, explanatory text or conventional narrative structure, it invites viewers simply to watch and revel in things doing their thing — or in this case, babies being babies.

A group portrait of infants coming of age in Namibia, Mongolia, Japan and San Francisco, “Babies” is a mesmerizing and weirdly manipulative experience, combining wide-eyed innocence and shrewd cultural commentary as it chronicles the folkways and familial rites of four starkly different societies.

While two affluent couples in Tokyo and San Francisco raise their daughters with plenty of age-appropriate accoutrements and New Age earnestness, halfway around the world a little boy on the Mongolian steppe shares his bathwater with a goat, and a girl growing up in a tiny African village learns how to pound red clay from the dirt. But “Babies” resolutely refuses to judge, at least explicitly.

With stunning high-definition video images, director Thomas Balmès goes the classic pictorials of National Geographic one better, discreetly observing his young subjects over two years as they come into the world, discover their environment, begin to talk and, final-



A Mongolian toddler named Bayarjargal takes a few triumphant steps in “Babies.”

- ‘Babies’** (PG)
- **Director:** Thomas Balmès
 - **In a Nutshell:** Four babies from different parts of the world — the U.S., Namibia, Mongolia and Japan — develop and grow in front of a watchful documentarian’s camera.
 - **For Fans of:** “Young @ Heart,” “Three Men and a Baby”

ly, learn how to walk. In Namibia, little Ponijao spends most of her days outside, with her mother never far away; in Mongolia, Bayarjargal lives in a yurt, where his parents follow the custom of tying him to a bedpost when they must leave him unattended. (In one scene he blithely crawls among a herd of cows, narrowly escaping being trampled.)

In Tokyo, Mari’s father talks on a cell phone while distractedly fiddling with a mobile over his daughter’s crib; in California, Hattie’s mother reacts to a brief outburst of toddler aggression by pulling out a book called “No Hitting.” In one of the film’s most amusing juxtapositions, Hattie attends a hippy-dippy sing-along to Mother Earth with other mommies and mes; moments later we see little Poni literally covered in Mother Earth while she sucks on a rock.

As provocative as these sequences are, clearly the filmmakers’ aim with “Babies” is to celebrate the grand universals of growing up. No matter what their surroundings, each child reaches the same essential milestones, with attendant feelings of triumph and hope.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Beat



Oh, Holy Animated Series

Comedy Central has a cartoon series about Jesus Christ in the works. Titled “JC,” the series depicts Christ as a “regular guy” who moves to New York to “escape his father’s enormous shadow.” Dad is depicted as an apathetic man who would rather play video games than listen to his son talk about his new life. Comedy Central has pushed the envelope in the past: The long-running “South Park” features Christ as a regular character. The network says “JC” is on its development slate, steps away from the pilot stage and eventual airing. Many TV series in development never make it to the air, though. (AP)

**Now
Playing**

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13, 105 minutes) Jennifer Lopez has always pursued stardom with shameless abandon, and one of the pleasures of her new movie is watching J.Lo abase herself in the service of her art. In this not-as-bad-as-you-think-it-is romantic comedy directed by Alan Poul, Lopez plays pregnant Zoe, a pet-shop owner knocked up by her OB-GYN and a baster full of donor sperm. Enter Stan, played by Alex O'Loughlin. Zoe and Stan meet in a cab on the Upper West Side and soon begin to fall for each other. But Zoe, who'd just given up the search for Mr. Right, has to decide whether to stick to her back-up plan — single motherhood and career — or take a chance on telling her new beau exactly why it is she's glowing. **DAN KOIS**

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13, 118 minutes) Director Louis Leterrier made a muddled disappointment with this one. What appeal the movie has comes from its two biggest-name stars: as Zeus, Liam Neeson struts around in a disco-inspired silver outfit that shines so brightly we can barely see his face. As his brother Hades, Ralph Fiennes swoops up from the underworld in his own cloud of dirty smoke, like an infernal Pig Pen. They're welcome counterpoints to Sam Worthington's Perseus. Sent off in search of a way to kill the Kraken, the leviathan who is the gods' greatest weapon, Perseus and his band of merry misfit soldiers hack and slash their way through a rogues' gallery of quasi-mythological creatures. The movie's conclusion promises a sequel; unfortunately, it's too big to fail. **DAN KOIS**

DATE NIGHT (PG-13, 87 minutes) A self-described "boring married couple" get mistaken for blackmailers and spend 90 minutes going through contortions to clear their names, to mildly amusing effect. In the hands of, say, a Greg Kinnear and a Sarah Jessica Parker, the thing could be a disaster. It's not. Not by a long shot. That's because Steve Carell and Tina Fey have something that no movie, no matter how predictable, can stifle. It's called chemistry, but it's not the romantic kind. Instead, it's the power that each of them has to crack the other up. Aiding Carell and Fey in their efforts is

a talented supporting cast that includes James Franco and Mila Kunis as the real blackmailers along with Mark Wahlberg as a black-ops consultant whose help the Fosters seek. I know: It doesn't make sense. It doesn't have to. All it needs to do is make us laugh. **(MO)**

FURRY VENGEANCE (PG, 91 minutes) "Furry Vengeance" is the kind of kid-friendly comedy that finds its delights in the varying degrees of slapsticky torture inflicted on Dan Sanders (Brendan Fraser), a well-intentioned real estate developer who, at the behest of his maniacal boss (Ken Jeong), is razing acres of forestland to make room for an allegedly environmentally friendly, single-family subdivision called Rocky Springs. Of course, the cuddly woodland creatures that live in that forest aren't exactly in favor of the proposal. So they form their own preservation posse and pool their resources — acorns, boulders, a surprising deftness for hot-wiring cars — to unleash all manner of Animal Planet fury on Dan. **JEN CHANEY**

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG, 90 minutes) Our hero in this briskly paced, computer-animated, 3-D film, Hiccup (voice of Jay Baruchel), is a young Viking who has his hurdles cut out for him. Hiccup's father, a burly giant named Stoick (voice of Gerard Butler), sports a belt-length red beard and looks as if he begins each day by downing a dozen mead shooters on his way out to slay scaly adversaries. Hiccup develops his own approach to dealing with the dragon threat; he prefers communication and attempts to help all scaly creatures find their inner Puff (-the-Magic). **MIKE CLARK**

KICK-ASS (R, 118 minutes) This profane, ultra-violent, surprisingly winning adaptation of Mark Millar's comic-book series directed by Matthew Vaughn should delight fans of the original comics and garden-variety action junkies, too. Aaron Johnson plays Dave Lizewski, a bespectacled, mild-mannered high school student who, after being mugged for the umpteenth time, wonders why more everyday people don't dress up like superheroes and become vigilantes. Soon thereafter, Dave is dressing up in a green wet suit and is joined by two mysterious cohorts named Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit-Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz). However, his success rate begins to spike. **(AH)**

THE LOSERS (PG-13, 98 minutes) The first dumb-fun action movie of the



NEW LINE CINEMA

Nancy (Rooney Mara) dozes off in the tub — we see a rude awakening in her future — in a mediocre remake of Wes Craven's horror classic "Nightmare on Elm Street."

summer season has arrived early with this loud, loving homage to guns and testosterone based on a series of comic books about a renegade band of CIA operatives. How dumb is it? You might actually kill a few million brain cells just watching it. The plot centers on a group of commandos led by Clay (Jeffrey Dean Morgan). Known as the Losers, they set out to get their revenge before Max can detonate a snuke in Los Angeles as a ploy to justify a U.S. military crackdown on terrorism. **(MO)**

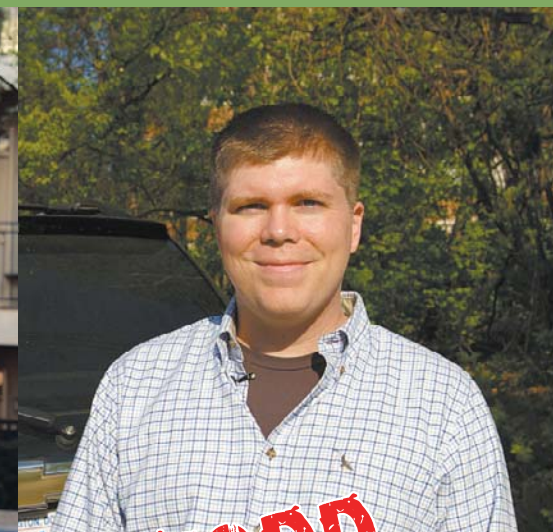
A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R, 95 minutes) Jackie Earle Haley assumes the Freddy persona made iconic in eight

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previous "Nightmare" movies by, as this movie makes abundantly clear, the irreplaceable Robert Englund. The basic story line remains the same: A bunch of teens in a cozy suburb called

Springwood start having simultaneous bad dreams about the same homicidal dude, dreams in which some of them are viciously murdered, and some of them wind up dead in real life. The flick spends most of its time re-slashing its way through scenes already familiar to anyone who saw Wes Craven's original, while adding enough "modern" tweaks to make this "Nightmare" relevant to

younger audiences. **JEN CHANEY**

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13, 121 minutes) The film covers pretty much the same histrionic territory as Tyler Perry's 2007 picture "Why Did I Get Married?" picking up our core group of couples three years after we last left them in snowy Colorado. This time they gather for relaxation and renewal in the Bahamas. For the first hour

or so, it plays like an empty but diverting beach read. Then the film shifts in tone. Perry throws in many melodramatic plot twists, and a cameo appearance that drew gasps and giggles from the audience. **JEN CHANEY**

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Teenagers aren't the only ones getting ready for prom this season — there are ample chances to attend themed proms that benefit charity. (Sometimes we think the prom theme is waaaay too ubiquitous, but as long as it's for a good cause, we really shouldn't complain.) This weekend's example: Planned Parenthood's Young Professionals are hosting their own '80s Prom at the **HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN** with an open bar and a DJ spinning the ideal MTV soundtrack, from Culture Club to the Go-Gos.

SATURDAY

When YahZarah finally gets music industry accolades as a "new" artist, those of us who have been following her career will applaud, then shake our heads at the omission of years of high-quality work out of the public eye. This Wash-



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Play mini-golf at nine downtown bars this Saturday as part of the Golf Open.

ington native paid her dues performing with Erykah Badu, then released three solo albums that showed off her diva-quality voice. YahZarah contributed vocals to Coleman's Grammy-nominated Foreign Exchange project, and now they have crafted her most anticipated work to date, "The Ballad of Purple St. James." The coming-out party for this album at **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS** also features extended Little Brother/Foreign Exchange family member Darien Brockington.

Think H Street Country Club is the only D.C. bar with mini-golf? Not on Saturday afternoon. The Cap City Bar Golf Open features putting greens at nine downtown bars, including **PUBLIC BAR**, **BUFFALO BILLIARDS**, **THE BLACK ROOSTER** and **THE SIGN OF THE WHALE**. Singles and foursomes visit all nine "holes," play a round and get their scorecards signed in the hopes of winning prizes for low scores. But at the same time, there are numerous drink specials on beer and cocktails along the way, so if you're looking for an offbeat way to spend an afternoon with your pals, this is it. Space is limited, so advance registration is suggested.

SUNDAY

U STREET MUSIC HALL is looking to fill a new niche — matinee punk-rock spot. During D.C.'s peak punk era a couple decades ago, weekend afternoon shows featuring lineups of fast and loud bands were common. Salad Days is an attempt to re-create that. John Stabb of punk originals Government Issue will serve as host while DJs Dave Nada, Stereo Faith and Denman will spin. Best of all, the throwback event has a throwback price — \$5.

Idols on 'Idol'

Jackie Tohn
TOP 36, SEASON EIGHT



1 I like when Lee Dew-ye gets jazzy and big bandy as opposed to being so Nickelback.

2. Michael Lynche

3. Crystal Bowersox

4. Casey James

Rickey Yaneza
BLOGGER, RICKEY.ORG



1 Lee Dewyze, my dark horse pick, is getting closer and closer to the prize.

2. Crystal Bowersox

3. Casey James

4. Michael Lynche

Chikezie
TOP 10, SEASON SEVEN



1 Lee Dewyze did the song I wish I did. Very reminiscent of Ray Charles.

2. Michael Lynche

3. Casey James

4. Crystal Bowersox

'Idol' Chatter

Wild About Harry



He was a multi-dimensional mentor; now some on the 'Net are pushing for Harry Connick Jr. to get

a more regular role on "American Idol" — in the chair departing judge Simon Cowell is vacating.

The Post's Lisa de Moraes called Connick "the right guy for the gig." And "Idol" alums like just-ousted contestant Aaron Kelly are in Connick's corner, too. "He's very honest, and he's going to [communicate] straight out," he told reporters Thursday. "He'd be a great replacement." (EXPRESS)

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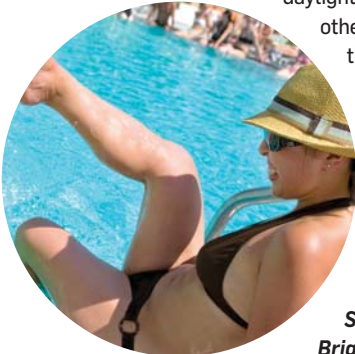
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1 Death Match
We admit, we have a soft spot for battle dance parties, especially when the battle is between Lady Gaga and Madonna — two women who are unabashedly awesome while admitting that half of what they do is for shock value. This weekend at EFN Lounge, you can catch the dance party and hit up an hour-long open bar. **F.Z. EFN Lounge, 1318 9th St. NW; Sat., 10 p.m.-3 a.m., open bar 10 p.m.-11 p.m., free; 202-341-8281, efnlounge.com. (Mt. Vernon Sq.)**

2 Don't Go In There
We're not sure that the story about the Rock and Roll Hotel's being a funeral home at one time is true, but it sure makes a convenient backstory when it hosts a horror film night. Free popcorn, cute hipsters and scary movies. Any questions? Good. **F.Z. Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Sun., 7 p.m., free; 202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc.com.**



3 Splish, Splash
We enjoyed the Brightest Young Things pool parties last summer — OK, the daylight rave one was kind of ill-advised, but other than that — and we're excited to see them again. This summer, they won't happen every week, but the first one takes place Saturday. The Fatback DJs, along with Gavin Holland and Will Eastman, will provide music, and attendees can participate in sure-to-be-disgusting margarita and nacho-eating contests. **F.Z. Capitol Skyline Pool, 101 St. SW; Sat., noon-8 p.m., \$15; 202-488-7500, Brightestyoungthings.com. (Navy Yard)**

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Landmark Theatres
Landmark's E-Street Cinema www.landmarktheatres.com

THE HUMAN CENTIPEDE (NR) 12:00 Midnight
POLITICS ON FILM FESTIVAL (NR) 7:00
THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 10:00
LBS. (NR) (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10
CASINO JACK AND THE UNITED STATES OF MONEY (R) (1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 9:30, 12:00
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (1:30) 8:00, 11:15
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 4:45
BABIES (PG) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45
THE SQUARE (R) (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40, 12:00
EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP (R) (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50, 12:00

The Avalon Theatre www.theavalon.org

DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15
MID-AUGUST LUNCH (NR) 2:00, 3:50, 5:45, 7:45

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 9:50, 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20, 1:30

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50
A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 10:20, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
OCEANS (G) 10:40, 12:50, 3:00, 5:15
THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 10:10 P.M.
KICK-ASS (R) 7:20, 10:05
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 10:50, 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 11:20, 12:20, 1:40, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:20, 6:20, 7:40, 8:20, 9:20, 10:40, 11:20, 12:20
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A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 9:45, 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12:10
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FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 10:30, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05, 12:25
THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13) 1:20, 2:10
THE LOSERS (PG-13) 9:50, 2:30, 7:35, 12:30
OCEANS (G) 11:15, 1:25, 3:45, 6:00
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25, 12:45
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45, 12:05
KICK-ASS (R) 10:45, 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50, 12:35
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 10:05, 12:35, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:30
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 12:05, 5:00, 9:55
IN DIGITAL 3-D
AMC independent
CITY ISLAND (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 3:50
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 11:25 P.M.

Regal Cinemas
Regal Gallery Place Stadium www.regmovies.com

SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) Advance Tickets Available
IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 9:45, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:00, 11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, 1:30
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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:05, 4:25
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 11:10, 1:40

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Arlington Cinema 'N' Draffhouse
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COP OUT (R) 7:15 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards
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SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) Advance Tickets Available
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OCEANS (G) 11:20, 4:20
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 10:20, 12:50
3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
KICK-ASS (R) 12:40, 6:20, 9:10, 11:50
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13) 3:20
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 9:40 P.M.
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 11:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50
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DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 9:50 P.M.
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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 10:40, 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15
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HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:15, 8:40, 11:10
ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 6:50, 9:40
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:40
GREENBERG (R) 7:10, 9:40

Old Town Theatre
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KICK-ASS (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 9:50, 10:40, 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:10, 4:05, 5:20, 6:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:35, 9:00, 9:55, 10:35, 11:35, 11:55
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IRON MAN (PG-13) 10:15, 1:30, 4:35, 7:55, 12:30

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
Silver Spring www.afi.com/silver

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
48 HOUR FILM PROJECT (NR) 7:00, 9:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
Bethesda www.landmarktheatres.com

BABIES (PG) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:30
CASINO JACK AND THE UNITED STATES OF MONEY (R) (1:30, 4:25) 7:10, 9:50
THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:00, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (1:35, 4:15) 7:00, 9:40
CITY ISLAND (PG-13) (2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25
WOMEN WITHOUT MEN (NR) (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:35
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (12:00, 3:10) 6:15, 9:25
OCEANS (G) (3:15) 7:35
GREENBERG (R) (12:30, 5:15) 9:55

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15

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TV weekend lookout**Best Bets****FRI
9:00****What Would You Do?** (ABC)

This popular and intriguing series, hosted by John Quinones, left, returns for four episodes over the course of the late spring and summer. As the title suggests, it combines elements of "Candid Camera" with thought-provoking questions about ethics and privacy.

**SAT
9:00**

Meet My Mom (HALL) Custom-made for Mother's Day, this movie begins with gentle music and a scene of a doting grandmother festooning her front lawn with welcome-home signs. But as anyone can expect, the homecoming isn't perfect. Her daughter (Lori Loughlin) and grandson have relocated after a nasty divorce.

**SUN
8:00**

The Simpsons (FOX) As Mother's Day approaches, Moe writes a letter to Homer, the Rev. Lovejoy and Apu, who are on vacation with their children, threatening to run away with one of their wives in the new episode "Moe Letter Blues." (TRIBUNE MEDIA/K.M.)

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS****Ready for Some Football?****FRI
8:00**

"Friday Night Lights" (NBC) returns to network television for a fourth season, featuring the same top-notch acting and documentary-style melodrama that have made it such a highly praised series. Season 4 begins with the district rezoned into East and West Dillon high schools, with coach Taylor (Kyle Chandler, above) demoted to the down-and-out East Dillon squad. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Hosts**Popular Girl**

This is Betty White's world; we just live in it. The lifetime achievement awards and other accolades showered on the Emmy winner led to a Betty-palooza that continues as she guest-hosts "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), partly as a result of a grassroots campaign by fans on Facebook. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Thursday's Results

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“If he wants to repair relations with the gay community, he should retract and apologize, not deny. Committing himself to upholding the current law is not the same as expressing support for our civil marriage equality.”

— **A COMMENTER AT GLAAFORUM.ORG** WAS UNHAPPY TO HEAR FORMER WARD 5 COUNCIL MEMBER VINCENT ORANGE, WHO IS CONSIDERING A RUN FOR D.C. COUNCIL CHAIR, DURING A RADIO INTERVIEW THURSDAY DENY THAT HE ONCE DENOUNCED GAY MARRIAGE IN 2006.



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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't try to do too much — or too little. Make a plan and stick to it, even when others are critical of your inflexible approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There are those who think you're a lock, but the truth is, you know that there is much that is yet to be done before you score a clear victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Some things will be crystal-clear to you, and those are the things you should focus on and derive strength and inspiration from.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The way you express yourself is just as important as what you have to say. You don't want to ruffle any feathers — by accident.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may wake this morning to find that many images prevalent in your dreams are also figuring prominently in your waking perceptions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get cracking, and before you know it you'll be caught up. You don't want anyone to tell you that they could have done it better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) He or she who comes to you with criticism over your stance on a current issue clearly doesn't know what you're about. Don't take it personally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll have the chance to step in and save the day in some way, though you may not want to take all the credit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It takes a lot to pull you away from that which captures your attention, but certain distractions will prove tempting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The best way you can help others may well be to stay out of their way. Be ready to jump in if the need arises — but only if asked.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your unique combination of charm, humor and intelligence will win the day for you but may turn one or two people against you in the process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even something overwhelmingly positive can be seen in a negative light if you try hard enough. Why ruin a perfectly good day?

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 160-170, BEST SCORE 251

A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	X ₈	S ₁	S ₁	M ₃

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RACK 1

E ₁	I ₁	K ₅	C ₃	N ₁	H ₄	C ₃

Triple
Word Score

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RACK 2

O ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	H ₄	R ₁	G ₂	C ₃

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RACK 3

E ₁	I ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	N ₁	G ₂	B ₃

1st Letter
Double

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

B ₃	I ₁	O ₁	T ₁	Y ₄	P ₃	E ₁
C ₃	O ₁	N ₁	T ₁	O ₁	R ₁	T ₁
B ₃	U ₁	L ₁	R ₁	U ₁	S ₁	H ₄
A ₁	N ₁	E ₁	M ₃	I ₁	A ₁	

PAR SCORE 140-150 TOTAL 222

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

3	4	9	2	1	5	7	8	6
7	1	8	9	4	6	3	5	2
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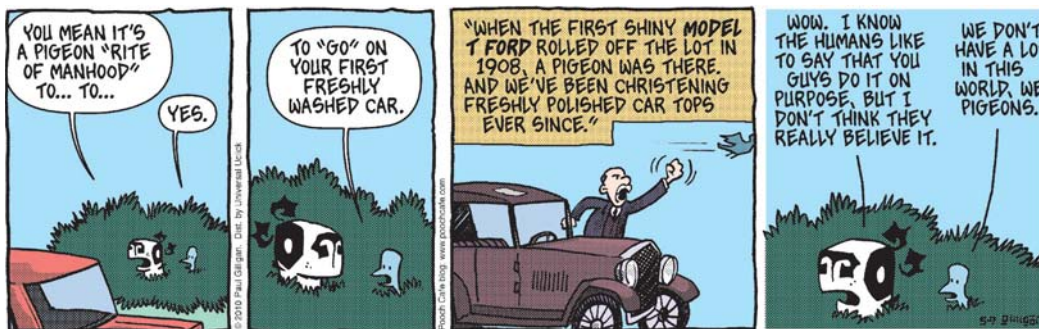
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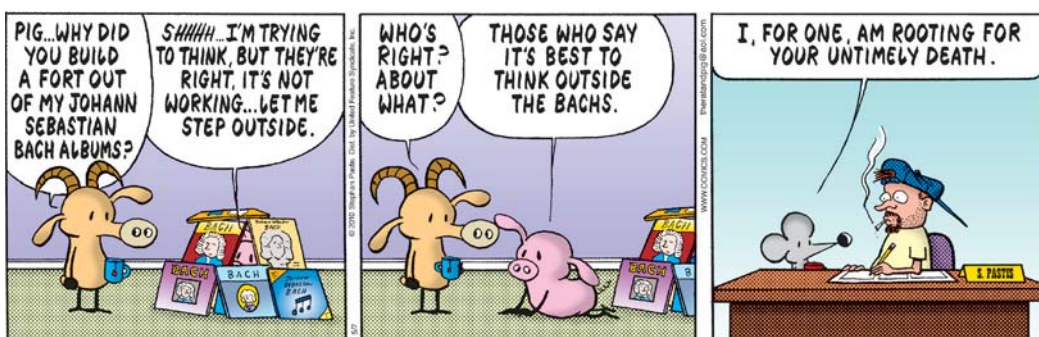
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Forecast

80 | 67

Today: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy, breezy and mild tonight.

76 | 46

Tomorrow: Windy tomorrow with a strong thunderstorm. Colder tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN **MON** **TUE**

66 | 45 66 | 49 68 | 57

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:04 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:06 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:35 a.m.
Moonset today: 2:05 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 72
Record high: 93
Normal low: 53
Record low: 37

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Croat or Pole
5 ____ artery (kidney's
blood supplier)
10 Is a good
Samaritan
14 "The Postman
Always Rings Twice"
heroine
15 Old- womanish
16 Hindu woman's
garment
17 First murder
victim
18 Stands up to
19 Visible air
20 Critique roughly
and unfairly
23 Sharp, narrow
ridge
24 Nutmeg coats,
e.g.
25 Fisherman of
sorts
28 "Aye, aye!" hearer
(abbr.)
30 Coward of note
31 It flows into Lyon
33 Bled
36 Gulf war weapon
40 Johnny has two
41 "The Color

Purple" author
Walker
42 Weather balloons,
to some viewers
43 Jolie's beau
44 Main or Maple
46 Happy is one
49 Believe without
question
51 Harbor selfish
motives
57 Migrant worker of
fiction
58 William of ____
(man known for his
razor)
59 Invention
impetus
60 Like Sprat's
cuisine
61 Newborn puppy
62 Argyle, for one
63 Fish eaters
64 Listens to the
bears
65 Large antlered
deer

DOWN

1 Great quantity
2 Gray wolf
3 Square yardage

4 Wagner opera setting
5 Roof support
6 Put into practice, in a way
7 Recess for a statuette
8 Toward the sheltered side
9 "____ we forget" (Kipling)
10 Distribute into categories
11 Verse units
12 What Pavlov's dogs were conditioned to do
13 "Open" and "Closed"
21 You might appear to the left of this
22 Makes sport of
25 It may precede a deal
26 Factory whistle time, often
27 Rubies and such
28 Obey a summons
29 Singer DiFranco
31 "M*A*S*H" co-star Loretta
32 Pedigree org.

since 1884
33 Overabundant
34 Natural
emollient
35 It's for the birds
37 Israel's
principal port
38 PC key
39 Word shouted
to start a party
43 Smooths
ruffled feathers
44 Steps loudly
45 Harbor tower
46 Endangered
Asian dog

47 Alarm clock, at times
48 Dove or hawk e.g.
49 Do extremely well
50 To any degree
52 "____ as good a time as any"
53 Dull throbb
54 Fan-club hero
55 Fretted guitar part
56 Two states (abbr.)

Yesterday's Solution

	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	R	O	S	I	N	E	T	A	X	I	B	R	A
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17	B	E	S	T	O	W	18	A	D	U	L	A	T
19							20	S	A	L	21	I	N
22	O	H	I	O			23	A	S	A	L	24	I
25							26	O	R	E	27		
28	C	O	S	M	E	29					30	D	E
31	A	L	L	S	K	I	N	32			33	J	A
34	S	E	E	K	E	R	35			36	D	I	B
37							38	E	P	I	C	39	N
40	E	L	V	A	T	E	41			42	R	A	K
43							44			45	G	U	M
46	F	R	O	M	H	47			48				
49	I	D	L	E	S	50			51				
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HOW DO YOU HEW?

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63					64						65			

Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Today in History

1945 Germany signs an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the next day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

1975 President Gerald Ford declares an end to the "Vietnam era."

2004 Army Pfc. Lynndie England, shown in photographs smiling and pointing at naked prisoners in Abu Ghraib prison, is charged with assaulting the detainees and conspiring to mistreat them.

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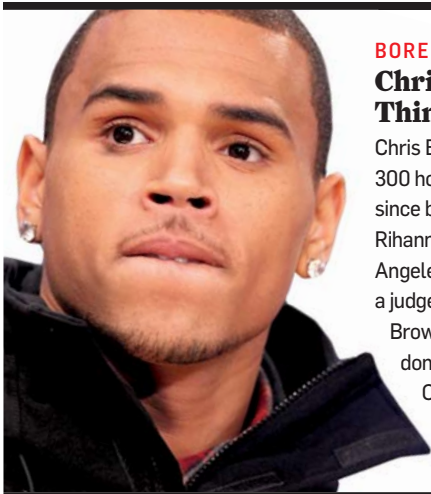
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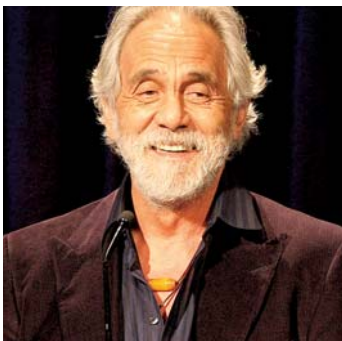


**BOREDOM****Chris Brown Does Same Thing He's Been Doing**

Chris Brown has completed nearly 300 hours of community service since being sentenced for beating Rihanna. Brown appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday to give a judge an update. His attorney says Brown is expected to complete his domestic violence counseling in October. He's completed roughly 20 percent of the labor he's required to perform. (AP)

IDENTITY**The Artist Formerly Known as the Name After Cheech's**

Tommy Chong visited Pittsburgh this week to help local Democrats raise money to oppose the congressional campaign of the woman who prosecuted him for selling bongos over the Internet. Chong did nine months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty in 2003 to charges sought by Mary Beth Buchanan, former U.S. attorney. (AP)



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No, that's not your crazy pothead uncle.

Dirtbag Digest**Mother-in-Law Nicer Than Yours**

David Boreanaz confessed his infidelities to his mother-in-law before going public, RadarOnline.com reported. "He admitted that he got into a bad spot, that ... he made a huge, huge, huge mistake," said Jaime Bergman's mom, identified only as "Sue." "He was very remorseful, and, to me, that's all I needed was to see remorse." (EXPRESS)



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RENEWED VOWS**Jon & Kate Redux**

Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott will renew their marriage vows for their fourth anniversary, Usmagazine.com reported. Rumors they might split began circulating after they were seen fighting on "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood." "We have our ups and downs," Spelling said on the "Today" show last month. "I'm happy to put that out there to my fans, because we're a normal, relatable couple." (EXPRESS)

**OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS****He Can Wait in Line at The DMV as a Male Now**

Chaz Bono is officially a man and has his new name. A judge on Thursday granted a request to change the name and gender of the former Chastity Bono. He was represented in court by attorney Kristina Wertz of the Transgender Law Center. Wertz says the judge's order is an important step in Chaz Bono's transition and will allow him to reflect his new identity on a variety of official documents. (AP)

"I felt like I'd walked into an American teen movie. I picked up the red cups. I was, like, 'Wow, they really do drink from these.'"



— **EMMA WATSON**
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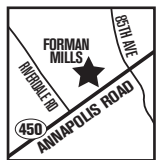
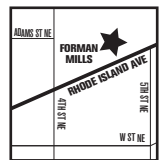
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